

**FAMILY CARE COUNCIL  
APD AREA 13  
MARCH 9, 2009**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**MEMBERS:** Isabel S deMartinez, Tina Renwick, Sandy Shorey, Betty Kay Clements, Eileen Reidy, Phyllis Novak, Norman Price, Sandy Dayton, Michael Payne, Jennifer Knowles

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Caryn Jones, Anna Brynild

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Stephanie Hopper, Karen Huscher, Eva Knowles

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**APD STAFF:** Brenda Stevens, David Johnson

**VISITORS:** Harley Phillips, provider, Kim Gokhale, WellFlorida Council, Helen Sciabica family member

**Quorum Present**

Meeting called to order at 10 AM by Chairperson Isabel.

**MINUTES REVIEW/APPROVAL:**

Chair Isabel asked for review of meeting minutes of last month. Michael made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Jennifer. Motion Approved by consensus.

**BUDGET REPORT/BUDGET REVIEW:**

Norm reported that the FCC Balance is \$6, 223.30 differing with APD report of \$6,235.76, reports have varied little lately. No questions or comments, except that forum will start to make a difference in the balance over next month or two.

**AREA ADMINISTRATOR REPORT/UPDATE:**

David Johnson shared that the QSI's will be done by the end of the month. This is right on schedule. He understands there are 92 pending hearings for tiers and rebasing. At present they are working with individuals over cap and rebasing. They are down to only 2 that are being resolved as quickly as possible. He pointed out to keep in mind probably 10,000 requests occurred; lawyers were hired from several places to work on this project. It is a lengthy one.

Stephanie asked David about issues she encounters working with students leaving school. She wondered if leaving constitutes a significant life change or should they request crisis. David said the WSC should be looking at these individuals. Her concern is that they may be in tier 4 if on waiver, with significant medical needs but funding now does not cover therapies etc. She asked if they can appeal or should this have been addressed earlier. Families see that if child

moves they get more help, but want to keep child at home. David said WSC should do cost plan based on needs, may need to go to APS, and hearing opportunities are available as well.

Eileen asked David if there is any further known on the dental for tier 4, and he acknowledged that there is no update on this. There is concern from some members that this is discrimination.

Norm asked David about a past practice of FCC members he has heard about, where they were permitted to make provider facilities visits. He wanted to know if that ability would still be there, if it was coordinated through the Area office. David said he did not know and he would find out and report back.

### AQL/Lens program:

Brenda reported that the AQL/Lens plan has been reviewed by a representative of the Quality council on Leadership. Sumter County has been selected for program, deciding on team of people, of eight, trying to decide if invitations for representation. Sumter has most needs it appears, and then look at Lake. It has been decided that Transportation is needed for each area along with the other targets due to the overall need. An electronic resource manual is the goal and keeping it updated. 211 is a key in gathering the resources. Everything is on target for LENS and she will be sending out info this week. Flyer will be coming out as well. Dates scheduled are May 13, 14, and 15(half day). AQL Monthly meeting now following FCC meetings.

### FAMILY FORUM-DISCUSSION: Summary of discussions and planning

Final arrangement, assignments made for details, etc. for Forum, to be held: April 4, 2009.  
Verified: to be held at the Wildwood Community Center CR Wildwood Fl., 9 am-1 pm

- 7am to get in Center for set up because it is busy the night before
- FCC Members and APD staff will set up
- Presenters planned to be confirmed yet: VR, Donald Roberge, Sharon Willman for SSA with assist Cindy Drew of APD, Center for Ind. Living, breakout- Cathy Jackson Guardianship/trusts TBD, Transition, Miracle League, Central FI Parents
- Commitment from APD Director, just need time from him of presentation
- Resource tables decided on \$15 for refreshments and self advocate vendors will be waived of any fee
- Mailings to go to those on the waitlist
- Purchasing of food and exhibit money is to be kept separate of FCC Budget allocation from APD, need to follow State rules-no food purchases
- Karen finishing up on FCC display board requesting members send more pictures, will be ready for Forum
- Isabel to do a new project call Second chances or Second time around
- Everyone responsible to contact news outlets in their areas
- Aaron Nangle doing flyer, electronic invites and assisting with resource displays
- Isabel will send letter out on letterhead

- State Coordinators table for APD, waitlist questions important
- Volunteer for refreshments/ exhibits/ purchasing food- Harley Phillips said he would assist as well as Sandy Dayton
- Members taking responsibility for own County distribution of information, news, radio, organizations, etc.

Isabel said she will keep in touch with everyone between now and the Forum, encouraged all to email her or call her as they have questions information to share on details.

Karen stated that she needs a few supplies for Scrapbooking, as she would be doing this at a Hernando Forum as well. Jennifer made a motion to permit supplies under \$100, seconded by Tina and passed by consensus.

Isabel discussed her project that will be done with donated items, but will need fabric glue. Prior to voting on this, it was brought to the attention of the members that the Chair has had at the beginning of each year a vote of authority to purchase items under \$100.00. It should be reported at the next meeting, showing up on the budget expenses for the month. This was done for supplies, small purchase needs, tapes, cartridges, brochures etc. under \$100. Vote not taken as all agreed this qualifies.

In relation to the project Isabel is doing she stressed that she wants to encourage parents to come with children, so will work with embellishing garments, hats etc. with articles like jewelry, belt buckles, ties scraps of cloth etc. ribbons, buttons etc. It is Not Babysitting but like Scrapbooking activities that will keep them busy.

#### Nominating Committee:

Chair Isabel appointed a nominating committee. Eileen Reidy, Tina Renwick and Phyllis Novak will put together a slate for presentation at the next meeting for FCC Chair and FCC Vice Chair for 2009-2010. At the May meeting a request for nominations from the floor will then be followed by the election of officers for 2009-2010.

#### WellFlorida Council Disaster Preparedness Survey –

Kim Gokhale is doing surveys on disaster preparedness, which arose from the response to 911/and lessons learned from Katrina. Currently it is only for Lake County and client must be living in the home so Isabel was the only one eligible to take this survey and did so after the meeting was adjourned.

#### New Travel Forms/Procedures:

Betty Kay explained the details of the legislative direction to all State Agencies, that travel must be critical to the mission of APD. That statement and a letter from the Director of the Agency must accompany all travel vouchers. Prior authorization is needed for all travel. FCC

has rec'd a package that was explained form by form and there are now 3 forms that need signatures. See attached policy for details.

**MEMBERS/VISITORS INPUT:**

Karen reminded all of CAFÉ in June, budget is more limited this year. She was part of the group that visited with the Governor last year and she stressed to the self-advocates on the FCC that the Governor wants to hear from them about their needs. At a request for flyers, she gave the website where one can be downloaded and more information can be obtained about this year's programs <http://www.familycafe.net>

**ADJOURNMENT:** - No further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting. Next meeting will be held at the APD office on April 13, from 10:00am-12:00noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Kay Clements  
Area 13 FCC Secretary