

**FAMILY CARE COUNCIL  
APD AREA 13  
November 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**MEMBERS:** Betty Kay Clements, Isabel S deMartinez, Sandy Dayton, Sandy Shorey, Eileen Reidy, Michael Payne, Don Taylor, Karen Huscher, Tina Renwick, Phyllis Novak,

**MEMBERS ON PHONE:** Anna Brynild

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Caryn Jones,

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Stephanie Hopper, Virginia Taylor, Shawn Mims

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**APD STAFF:** Brenda Stevens, Clarence Lewis, Carmelo P. Abisso

**VISITORS:** Grant Harris, Joan Verity, Jim Swain

Meeting called to order at 10 AM by Chairperson Isabel S deMartinez.

**MINUTES REVIEW/APPROVAL:**

Review of October minutes, with a motion to accept as written by Tina Renwick, seconded by Sandy Dayton. Minutes approved by consensus.

**BUDGET REPORT/BUDGET REVIEW:**

Paul reported that an additional \$500 was transferred to FCCF. Postage still pending and will be deducted when postage is purchased. Purchase of computer, printer, office supplies and programs and events added to the Budget. Expenses YTD \$2,138.47, Balance minus FCCF transfers is \$6,861.53. Some discussion of audit questions regarding travel vicinity mileage occurred and updated mileage logs are used according to state regulations. Isabel thanked Paul for his report and all the assistance he is providing.

**AREA ADMINISTRATOR REPORT/UPDATE:**

Clarence Lewis, Area Administrator for Area 13 spoke to the group. Last week Clarence reported they were advised that the timeline of rolling out the iBudget is being tightened up to July 2012 from the 4 yr proposed timeline.

He addressed the AmeriCorp conference call. Area 13 had 4 members and one withdrew. Retirement turned out to be a conflict, as they must stay out 6 months and she had only been out for 1 month. Jim Swain was introduced and will be covering Citrus. He will work closely with Stephanie Hopper due to her lengthy and extensive knowledge of Citrus County and individuals on the waitlist. Isabel will cover Lake County. Pierre is the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, but was not present.

Clarence reported that for AmeriCorp Day he traveled to Sarasota, where 55 members who will be working with the waitlist clients met with the Director and Mr. Moreno. There was

**In-Service training for new members, with Isabel participating. Discussion ensued as to how the job will actually be done. There are several weeks of background screening, training etc. 20 hr. /week with a small stipend of \$200/month. It is important to create the atmosphere for volunteerism as much as possible. Some concern voiced that this may be setting it up for longer term on the waitlist. Also, acknowledgement that the waiver could go away and these types of community involvement may be a necessity for all. Betty Kay stated that she is attending a meeting in Tally this week with a Gov. Budget and Policy focus group on what besides the waiver is needed, available or possible for the DD community.**

**Stephanie asked Clarence about the money follows the person program available. She and others met with the APD Director and Mr. Moreno about ICF/DD's and money follows the person proposals. 30 states already have portability, Ga. just got it. There was no commitment elicited at their meeting from Central office she said. Betty Kay said she heard that there was a workgroup about it, but had no further information. Clarence had no information to add at this time he said.**

**Stephanie told of a friend with a daughter with extensive needs in Kansas. The family wants to move her to an ICF/DD here, but daughter has to be a resident of Florida. How long she has to be here has been difficult to find out. If it is a Drivers License or ID through Motor Vehicle, she is coming next week, could she do that while she is here was the question. Comments were that she cannot be a resident of 2 states so there would be concern for services till moved. Guardianship needs to be transferred. They need to really investigate because her needs are too great for being away from care providers for any length of time. She is considered a level 9 so it was thought that GR money would probably not be available. Stephanie has explored with Debbie Daniels this entire situation.**

### **FCCF REPORT:**

**Betty Kay reported that concerns are that Managed Care, change in leadership at the state and few friends left in the legislature does not bode well. FCCF members will be speaking with Carol Gormley on Saturday at the FCCF meeting. She is the staff person who wrote the managed care bill last year. She is answering questions and taking comments for us to be part of the dialogue. It looks like managed care is the way that the New Governor is leaning as well. FCCF supports looking at the iBudgetFlorida as a managed care entity and supporting that the legislature allows it to go forward. Isabel commented about the need for community commitment and going to the local government for visibility. Families belong at the table and it can begin with us at all levels members agreed.**

**Betty Kay represented FCCF on a panel for the Self Advocates group in Tampa last week. They are doing a remarkable job in organizing a group and hoping to build on their strength. They want allies to help them organize across the State. It exists as a grant from FDDC for the last 4 years. They will be able to articulate well at the legislature this year. If anyone is aware of a Self Advocacy group in Area 13 let Betty Kay know. There is one in Marion and one in Citrus through the Center for Independent Living that Stephanie is aware of. She will check on it. Shawn stated he is active with a new group in Marion County that he is excited about.**

## **Support Plan Discussion/Resources Lists for Counties**

Stephanie brought in Info from Citrus on the Community resources. Don and Ginger will collect info from Marion, Isabel will do Lake. Need people for the other Counties. Some discussion about waitlist families getting together, and if AmeriCorp will assist with that effort. Eileen believes it could really help communication and open doors and ideas for them. Isabel plans to do just that in Lake County for that type of sharing, networking, encouraging them to take advantage of the community calendars. Joan stated that is how FFRA got started in Citrus County. 10 families started meeting in homes and now there are 72 families. They are a 501c3. They are now working through the county for land for a building. Don recommended at one of the Forums to have a coffee break out for sharing etc. There was very good group discussion over possibilities. Making use of partnerships and allies in the community important. Members identified many and topic discussion indicated an energy by members to pursue these efforts this year.

**Support Plan overview**, line by line, slide by slide members worked to decide if format works, assure measurability and ensure that at each meeting plan needs to be on the agenda. Mission Statement a very good one, no changes there considered. Extensive discussion and Isabel asked for someone to bring back a draft of the discussion for the January meeting. In the meantime Don will get with Phil about the website upgrading needs. Karen offered to bring back the draft.

### **MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES:**

It was brought to the attention of Clarence that there is a need to update whether provider is CDC+ or not, as a parent was looking for a change in provider and could not discern that from the computer. He will look into this.

### **VISITOR INPUT:**

Included in discussion throughout the meeting, there were no additional comments from the visitors.

**ADJOURNMENT:** No further business, meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm. The next FCC meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2011 at the APD office from 10:00 am–12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Kay Clements  
Area 13 FCC Secretary

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of the Individual with a Developmental Disability,  
Allowing Each Person to Achieve His/Her Full Potential,  
while Preserving the Family's Ability to Function As A Unit**