

## Family Care Council Area 15 – May 13, 2009 Minutes

In attendance: Sheila Wilson, Patricia Moody, Nancy Moody, Ruth Wingate, Terry and Richard Felicio, Adrienne Dsiss, Beatrice Dejoie, Diane Ciccarelli, George Boulahanis, Sonja Bielecki and Sandhya Soni

Introductions were made, and it was noted that a quorum was present.

It was moved, seconded, and approved that the minutes of April 8, 2009 be amended to include: FCC approval of Lisa McGlone's travel expenses to Developmental Disabilities Day in Tallahassee, FCC approval of the upcoming speaker meeting expenditure for postage by St. Lucie County Parent to Parent, Diane Ciccarelli and Karen Nystrom approved as future members of the FCC, and Sonja Bielecki was present on April 8.

Pending new membership discussion included the nomination, seconding and approval of Adrienne Dsiss and Brian Boulahanis as future members. Ms. Ciccarelli suggested that the FCC develop a membership invitation letter.

Chairman Moody noted that the Family Care Council Area 15 website is activated, can be accessed at [www.fcc15.org](http://www.fcc15.org), and is the second local FCC site in the State of Florida. Website creator Phil Pearson was praised for his work on behalf of the FCC-15 and those present signed a card of thanks for his effort. A total of \$31.03 was expended to access this method of communication. The Chairman also asked for recommendations on website content, and it was suggested that upcoming local events, minutes, contact phone numbers, and future links to other sites be considered. The state FCCF will also be asked to make recommendations on suitable links.

Chairman Moody presented the members with a FCC-15 personalized document to be inserted into the trifold generic brochure recently purchased. It was moved, seconded and approved that this insert be printed, cut and inserted under the direction of Ms. Moody, and that expenses be covered by the FCC-15 for this work.

The upcoming speaker meeting was discussed, and the contract is still under negotiation. Ms. Dejoie provided a proof of insurance document for APD that will be delivered by Ms. Wingate immediately to Ms. Maria Meyers at Florida Atlantic University to expedite the negotiations. Sponsors of the event include the ARC of all four counties of FCC-15, Parent to Parent St. Lucie, and CARD. It was suggested by Ms. Ciccarelli that the FCC approach CARD for assistance with the technology charges for the event. The membership agreed, and Ms. Moody assumed the task. Sign in sheets for the event were discussed and Ms. Ciccarelli volunteered with Ms. McGlone to cover this responsibility. Ms. Ciccarelli also suggested that Bill Tomlinson of St. Lucie County Schools also be present at the event to answer questions if they arise about school-based behavior. She also requested that website resources be a part of the handouts at the event. The evaluation form was moved, seconded and approved, along with all documents related to the speakers event.

Ms. Dejoie reported that as of May 13, 2009 the FCC-15 maintained a balance of \$6,235. After figuring expenses for CAFÉ participation by members and their families, and the speaker event, it was noted that approximately \$1,500 remains. It was moved, seconded and approved that the remainder be allocated to supplies necessary to further communication with the community.

It was moved, seconded and approved that Vice Chairman Sonja Bielecki attend the state Family Care Council Florida meeting, and that her expenses from this, and the previous FCCF meeting be expended.

Ms. Wingate reported on the legislature's work this past session. Ms. Moody encouraged the members to meet with their local legislators during the summer, and to include their family member with disabilities if possible.

Ms. Dejoie stated that Agency for Persons with Disabilities is continuing their QSI effort, and are revamping Supported Living services. She also noted that the state is implementing the 3-year support plan.

Ms. Wilson noted that a hundred people were recently trained to provide supported employment services.

During discussion, Ms. Soni indicated that she has continuing concerns about her son's behavior, but will be out of the country during the speakers meeting on Behavior.

The next meeting of the Family Care Council – Area 15 will be Wednesday, June 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Morningside Branch of the Port St. Lucie Library, 2410 S.E. Morningside Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, FL, and can be reached at 772-337-5632.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.