

**Family Care Council Minutes
December 2, 2009**

Members Present:

Tracey Stewart, Chairperson (via phone and in person)
Lou Ogburn, Secretary
Jennifer Morgan-Byrd (via phone)

Members Absent:

Nan Whitfield
Janet Graham

Others in Attendance:

Lynne Daw, Area 2 Administrator

Guests

Sue Loftis (via phone)

The meeting was begun at 11:30 a.m. Since it was determined that there was not a quorum, the minutes of the meeting of November 4 were not approved.

Old Business

There was discussion of the CDC+. Lynne Daw reported that at the last FCC meeting, Liesl Ramos, Program Coordinator, and Denise Arnold, Bureau Chief, provided a presentation on the CDC+ expansion and answered questions. Lynne reported that of the 2500 slots allocated for the expansion, approximately 1900 people returned an interest letter that they would like to receive additional information in consideration of enrolling in the program. Should they all decide to enroll in the CDC+, that would leave 600 available spaces in this program. A letter has been sent from Director Jim DeBeaugrine's office to interested families. Training sessions on the CDC + will be held on both the 8th and the 9th of December in Area 2. Families will be given the option of attending one of these two dates (December 8th in Panama City and December 9th in Tallahassee) or can also opt to receive the information packet via mail. . Training will also be held again in January or if someone cannot attend. Those who opt to receive the material via mail will have to demonstrate an understanding of the program and their obligations should they enroll on the program prior to becoming officially enrolled. Sue asked who families could contact if they had additional questions. Lynne stated that some of these questions may already be answered in the packet that is being sent to each interested family. If not, she identified the two staff in Area 2 who will serve as trainers for these sessions who could also be available to answer questions.

Lynne Daw said the wait list rule workshop held at TCC in November had good attendance. Jennifer Morgan-Byrd and Tracey Stewart both asked for a copy of

the transcript of this meeting and any comments or notes made during the workshop. Additionally they would like a draft of what is to be presented to the Legislature in the spring. Lynne Daw will make this request.

New Business

Because of the lack of a quorum today, it was decided that the FCC will have to meet on Wednesday, December 9 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Family Network on Disabilities, 541 E. Tennessee St., Ste 103. At this meeting the FCC Support Plan and By-laws need to be completed for submission by December 18, 2009. The council needs to submit quarterly expenses and projections of the budget to the state and this also needs to be discussed at this meeting along with review of the November minutes.

There was some discussion about the FCCF budget and their request for additional money from each council. The Chairman questioned their expenditures for travel, specifically for the FCCF to pay for the former chair to travel to the bi-monthly meetings as well as multiple FCCF members to travel to the same meeting and be reimbursed by the FCCF as was the case with the most recent ibudget meeting. .

Recruiting of new members was discussed. Vince Giglio has submitted his application for the Council and will be voted on at the meeting on the 9th. The council would like for him to attend this meeting. It was also discussed that Beth Burr, another potential member, will be asked to attend the meeting on the 9th so the Council members can meet and get to know her.

Tracy Stewart would like to send out letters to the Area 2 individuals either receiving waiver services or on the wait list. Those on the wait list would get an update and a list of various resources. The group already on the waiver would get informational updates on available slots of the CDC+ as well as other current waiver initiatives (such as ibudgets). Both groups would receive information of the role of the FCC, how to use the web-site, and would be asked for their e-mail address. She would like for letters like this to go out at least once a year. She estimates that it will cost between 50 cents and \$1 per letter unless e-mail can be used. Another suggestion would be to update the FCC brochure and provide this as a mailout although this would increase the cost significantly. .

Tracy Stewart asked that the report on the National Autism Conference be delayed until the January meeting.

The FCCF meeting was discussed. Tracy Stewart reported that it was their recommendation that Category 5 of the wait list be eliminated and Category 6 replace Category 5. Currently Category 5 are 22 year olds and up who are continuing their education. In Category 6 are all other individuals who are 22 or older.

Finally the Chairman said she would draft some suggestions for by-law changes. She also encouraged members to bring names of any potential new FCC members to the meeting.

The meeting ended at 1:05.