

**Family Care Council Minutes
August 4, 2010**

Members Present:

Tracy Stewart, Chairperson
Lou Ogburn, Secretary
Jennifer Morgan-Byrd (via phone for the 2/3 vote)
Nan Whitfield
Danny Root
Janet Graham

Members Absent:

Vince Giglio (out of town)
Kristina Holmen- Mohr (working out of town)

Others in Attendance:

Nilda Barreto, Area 2 staff (left the meeting at 5:15 p.m.)
Lynne Daw, Area 2 Administrator
Tori Love
Eldalee Cook
Jo Cook
David Norton, applying member

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by Nan Whitfield. Tracy Stewart joined the meeting. The minutes of the meeting of June 2, 2010 were approved with a motion by Lou Ogburn, seconded by Janet Graham. The minutes of the meeting held via conference call on June 11, 2010 were approved with a motion by Lou Ogburn, seconded by Danny Root and the minutes of the conference call meeting held July 7, 2010 were approved with a motion by Lou Ogburn, seconded by Nan Whitfield. All motions passed

Old Business

The Chairman gave an update on the Waitlist Reprioritization as she understands it. Beginning July 1, the Areas are contacting everyone on the waitlist to obtain information to re-prioritize people based on statutory change. Family members are asked to call if there are changes. The Chairman said that the current waitlist re-prioritization language needs to be revisited during the next Legislative Session. She also said that she strongly believes in need being a high priority.

The Council had hoped to get an update on Rish Park. Lynne Daw will be asked to find out if there was an economic study done prior to setting the current fees. Also, someone from the Park will be asked to attend the September meeting.

Lynne Daw arrived late to the meeting (5:10pm) due to conflicting appointment. She reported that Sue Loftis, who had coordinated the families in applying for FCC sponsorship to Family Café had failed to remind these families of their

responsibility to come to today's FCC meeting and report about the Café. Sue promised she would call everyone and ensure they attend the September meeting.

In addition, there may be a representative who will want to come to the next FCC meeting to give a status update on the iBudget.

New Business

There was discussion about holding the October meeting in one of the western counties of Area 2. It was decided that instead of Panama City, the meeting should be October 30 at Rish Park. It would be good if anyone wishing to ,could spend the night on Friday, October 29 at the Park. The Strategic Planning Session will be held the next day from noon to 2:30 and an FCC meeting from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Lynne Daw and Danny Root volunteered to ask Publix for supplies and food for lunch.

Tracy Stewart explained that with her new job and new baby, she no longer feels she has the time to commit to the FCC. Lou Ogburn had previously offered to take over the chairperson responsibilities from her. The members discussed whether the Chair should be turned over to Lou or another member via votes or if there were benefits of Tracy maintaining her position and having Lou serve as Co-Chair. This was the ultimate decision chosen. Lynne stated that since the current by-laws do not include a "co-chair", the By-laws would need to be amended. Lou read the by-laws aloud to the members which state bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of voting members. Since a quorum was present to vote on issues but 2/3 majority was not present, Jennifer Morgan Byrd was contacted and entered into a vote to approve this change in the by-laws. It was decided that Lou Ogburn would chair the meetings and Tracy Stewart would go to at least three state FCC meetings during the year. Janet Graham moved to amend the By-Laws to change from one chairman to co-chairs. This was seconded by Nan Whitfield and all were in favor.

With the elevation of Lou Ogburn into Co-Chair, this leaves the position of Secretary open. There was discussion and the Chairman will ask whether any of the remaining voting members would consider accepting this position. Lou agreed to continue with writing up the minutes for today's meeting.

Due to conflicts with some of the existing committee members schedules, there was a discussion on alternate meeting dates. It was decided to change to the 4th Wednesday which will start the 29th of September. The next meeting will be the Wednesday, September 1 and thereafter the meeting will be the 4th Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. beginning with September 29.

Other New Business

Lynne Daw said that the ADA march was well attended. The Chairman asked that all begin thinking of items to be discussed at the Strategic Planning Session. Some thoughts are (1) expansion of the existing resource list and (2) coordination of the APD website and the FCC website. The Chairman appointed herself, Janet Graham and Lou Ogburn to be on the Strategic Planning Session Committee. They will meet prior to the October meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. with a motion by Danny Root, seconded by Lou Ogburn. Motion passed.