

Area 7 Family Care Council Meeting

February 18th, 2009 Minutes

Mark Street Senior Recreation Complex

I. Welcome and Introductions: Donna Rauber, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Greetings and introductions followed.

Attendees: , Chris Dugan*, Jay Dyer, Don Faller*, Jeannie Forthuber*, Bob Hicks, Nicole Hugues, Patti Jarrell, Eugene and Lila Klausman, Rosalind Murvin-King, Donna Rauber*, Cathy Rogerson, Lois Smith*, Carol Solomon, Simone Tetreault, and Laura Lee Wright.

*** Denotes Gubernatorial Appointed FCC Members.**

Maryann Sarra and Lila Klausman have completed the application process and await appointment.

II. FCC Business

- **Minutes:** Don Faller made a motion to approve the January 21st, 2009 minutes. Lois Smith seconded the motion and Council members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.
- **New FCC Secretary:** Lois Smith made a motion for Chris Dugan to become the full time secretary with Cathy Rogerson being her 'back-up'. Jay Dyer seconded the motion and Council members unanimously voted for approval.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Donna Rauber reported that as of December 31st, 2008 the FCC balance was \$7,678.07. Monies must be spent by the end of this fiscal year, June 30th, 2009.

Donna shared that she prepared a projected FCC budget for the 3rd quarter (January through March) and submitted it to Central Office, as requested. Included in the submission were: Autism Society of Greater Orlando Autism Walk (\$150.00), Conference calls (allocation of \$500.00), and travel expenses (allocation of \$2,000). Group discussion followed to address the remaining undesignated funds: **(1)** update, and when necessary create, Area 7 FCC literature and, **(2)** participate in upcoming local and state-wide events. It was agreed that the Membership Committee, Chaired by Don Faller, will follow-up in a timely fashion with each individual who expresses an interest in FCC by completing the Information Survey. Jeannie Forthuber and Laura Lee Wright agreed to re-draft pieces of the current Information Survey to go beyond asking about 'areas of interest' to asking 'how FCC can be of service'. Attendees briefly discussed compiling the survey information and the need for someone to take the lead (not determined) in maintaining the data on an on-going basis. Donna Rauber expressed our sincere appreciation to Jeannie Forthuber for all of her time and effort in putting together an Area 7 FCC power point presentation (recently used at the FND Conference).

- **Exhibit Table – Upcoming Events**

- Bright Feats Resource and Family Support Fair (March 7th, 2009)
- Seminole County Schools Transition Fair (March 31st, 2009)
- Autism Society of Greater Orlando Autism Walk (May 30th, 2009)
- Nathaniel's Hope (June 6th, 2009)

- **Upcoming FCC Meetings:** Previously, it was agreed to have quarterly night meetings in an attempt to reach a broader spectrum of the DD population. Steve Roth, APD Area 7 District Administrator, agreed to participate by providing APD updates and responding to questions (format to be determined). As Carol Solomon will share later during the meeting, Steve has since accepted a position with the Agency in Tallahassee. Carol Solomon said that she will talk with Mirari Perez, acting Area Director, and also offered her assistance in making the appropriate local contacts within department when FCC is addressing areas of specific interest.

A sharing of ideas then took place regarding both potential topics (i.e.: APD, Medicaid/Medicare, Guardianship, Transportation, Employment, Housing, Residential Supports, Support Coordination) and possible formats (i.e.: breakout sessions, panel discussion, single/dual guest speaker(s)) to be used during these meetings. It was decided to devote the April evening meeting solely to APD issues with a panel of local APD representatives. Since APD covers such a broad scope of areas, it was decided to create a 'Program Committee' to organize/coordinate not only the upcoming April meeting but the 3 subsequent meetings, as well. Lois Smith, Cathy Rogerson, Jeannie Forthuber and Jay Dyer will work together on the committee.

III. APD Update – Carol Solomon, APD Area 7 FCC Liaison

(Carol previously activated the call-in line at 10:30 a.m.)

- **Announcements:** Carol shared that Steve Roth accepted the position as Chief of Residential and Clinical Supports in Tallahassee (effective date: February 16th, 2009). It was collectively acknowledged how Steve's FCC involvement and support over the years will be greatly missed. We wished Steve both personal and professional success. Mirari Perez will be acting District Administrator and we look forward to working with her.
- **Projects:**
 - **QSI** – The deadline for completing this assessment tool is March 31st, 2009. To date, 83% are done.
 - **Rebasing** – Of the 749 Cost Plans that needed to be rebased, all but 41 have been completed to date.
 - **Over the Tier Cap** – All but 10 have been brought up under the cap as of this reporting.
- **Meetings:** The next *Quality Improvement Steering Committee* meeting will be held on March 12th, 2009 at 400 West Robinson Street (Conference Room D) between 10:00 am and noon.
- **APD Trainings:** Carol shared that both professionals and parents are invited to register for trainings. The training calendar is posted on the Area 7 APD web site accessed through: apdmyflorida.com.

IV. Legislative Issues:

- **Chapter 419.001 – Lila Klausman**

Lila reported that a Bill has been successfully filed in both the Florida Senate and the House of Representatives regarding an amendment to Chapter 419.001. This is due to the dedication and involvement of Representative Kelli Stargel and her staff, and to Senator Thad Altman and his staff. Lila is waiting to hear back from Justin Choate, legal assistant to Senator Altman, with the names of 'key' people to contact regarding passage of the Bill. Lila asked that if there is approved support for these Bills if they can be added to the FCC Legislative Platform (yes, and please see below). Donna shared that she forwarded each of the Bills to Betty Kay at FCCF. Betty has since sent them to each of the FCC Chairs throughout the state. Appreciation was expressed to Lila for her unyielding dedication to this legislative initiative.

- **FCC Letter to Senator Altman and Representative Stargel – Chris Dugan**

Chris read the Area 7 FCC *draft* letter of appreciation to Senator Thad Altman for sponsoring Senate Bill: 1124; "Planned Residential Community", and a separate *draft* letter of appreciation to Representative Kelli Stargel for sponsoring House Bill: 371; "Site Selection of Community Residential Homes" for membership approval prior to posting. Lois Smith made a motion to approve the letters. Jay Dyer seconded the motion and members voted unanimously to approve each of the letters as written. Donna will send the letters via US mail.

- **FCCF Legislative Platform** (attached to the agenda): Discussion ensued about adopting the FCCF Platform with the following changes: **(1)** Expand the section: 'Promote grassroots efforts.....' to include the Florida Senate and House Bills on Chapter 419.01. **(2)** Include the Work Incentive Medicaid Coverage Bill, and **(3)** Swap bullet # 1 (End the Wait List) and Bullet # 2 (Protect Health and Safety) for priority reasons. Next to the bullet: End the Wait List, Lois raised the question: what does 'reprioritization of those on the waitlist' mean? Donna Rauber will forward the inquiry to Betty Kay, FCCF Chair for clarification. Cathy Rogerson noted that 'Identification of stable and dedicated sources of revenue streams' may be eliminated as it seems to be parallel to the main bullet titled: Protect Health and Safety. Donna will draft a copy of our Area 7 FCC Legislative Platform and email it to members for review.

V. Area 12 Recommendations for Changing APD Wait List Procedures: Tabled until the next FCC Business meeting.

Next FCC Meeting: March 18th, 2009 at the Mark Street Senior Recreation Complex between 10:00 am and noon.

Donna Rauber adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rauber, Chairperson

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Chris Dugan, Secretary

