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**Family Care Council Board Meeting
Sun Coast Region, Pinellas & Pasco Counties**

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April 17th, 2006 Minutes

Council Members Present:

Louise Reinecke, Brian Simpson,
Sandy Carpenter, Virginia Ruf,
Beverly DeStories, Tyler LeClair,
Margaret Watkins

Absent or Excused:

Barbara Ireland, Judy Senick,
Rob Mochrie

APD Liaison:

Zoharah Peters

Call to Order: Beverly DeStories called the meeting to order and asked those present to introduce themselves at 6:45pm. Sandy Carpenter was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a total of twenty-six present. Beverly DeStories asked the board members to stand up and they identified themselves. There was an APD (Agency on Persons with Disabilities) Liaison present.

Business

Secretary's Report: The December 2005 and January 2006 minutes were discussed. There had been recommended changes to be made by Zoharah Peters. The changes were made and Beverly DeStories entered a motion to accept them with the changes. The motion was first accepted by Brian Simpson and seconded Tyler LeClair. All were in favor and it was voted unanimously. February's minutes were tabled until read by the board members and will be voted on next month.

Treasurer's Report: Zoharah Peters distributed copies of the "Family Care Council Treasurer Report Fiscal Year 7/01/05 to 6/30/06 as of 03/31/06," (see attached sheets). She went over the Treasurer Report sheet. Currently the funds from the West FCC and the East FCC are being combined. A balance of five thousand, nine hundred, and forty-two dollars and thirty-four cents (\$5,942.34) is in the FCC account. She was asked about funding approximately twenty-five hundred dollars for the Administrator Assistant position. Zoharah Peters was not able to attend the February FCC meeting where this had been discussed; and due to the minutes being a few months behind she did not know to include this in the budget. She said that there is a state procedure to follow in order for this to happen. There are five steps. She had spoken with Beverly DeStories about this last Friday. Zoharah Peters gave a hand out to Beverley DeStories as to what steps must be taken. Zoharah Peters said the vendor has to be registered on Internet at MyFloridaMarketPlace. The purchase recognition has to be entered and approved in order for Angie Wulf-Liles to become the Administrative Assistant. Zoharah Peters transferred one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from FCC West and five hundred (\$500.00) dollars to FCCF (Family Care Council Florida). Then what was historically spent on the Pathways and Provider's Fair from FCC was discussed. FCC usually budgets money to help put on this Fair. Approximately one thousand, three hundred dollars to two thousand dollars (\$1,300.00 – \$2,000.00) is budgeted. It was discussed to budget one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from FCC West and FCC East to use to be used for the annual Providers Fair/conference. The money will go towards conference scholar-ships, printing fliers and printing Green Training Manual about FCC. Beverly DeStories made a motion to accept the Treasure's Report. The motion was first accepted by Virginia Ruf and seconded by Brian Simpson. All were in favor; it was voted unanimously.

Chairperson's Report: Beverley DeStories handed out a packet on Free Disaster Preparedness booklet from FIFI. She downloaded it from the www.fifionline.org the FIFI website. Beverley DeStories announced that current members of the council are having their membership extended for an undetermined period of time. All West Suncoast Region FCC board members are grandfathered in for an extended period of time. New applicants are members, but cannot vote yet. She also discussed concern over East Suncoast Region FCC group that has been suspended. Beverley DeStories said she has four people who are on the East FCC board, but they have no leader. Virginia Ruf had a question about who suspended the East FCC board and what do we need to do to get it reinstated. Zoharah Peters can reserve a conference room for the East Suncoast Region FCC group to have their meetings. She was told there was good parking. She won't know until they move.

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Administrator Assistant: Angie Wulf-Liles continues to send out announcements for the FCC, checks the FCC voicemail on the 800 phone line and returns calls.

APD Liaison Report: Zoharah Peters distributed copies of the "FY 05-06 Wavier Enrollment – April 11, 2006" (see attached sheets). As of July 1st, 2005 there were sixteen thousand (16,000) were on the waiting list. Ten thousand (10,000) have been contacted; forty-five hundred (4,500) have not responded or declined. Ninety-five percent (95%) of almost six thousand (6,000) have been enrolled. It was suggested by a parent that families who have to decline because they want to keep their individual at home and be on the big waiver should be reflected in the statistics. One time funding is available to those on waiting list. A question was asked about the one time funding being offered to individuals on the waiting list by June 1st, 2006. How is the family given the name for the Supported Employment Providers? Brenda Clark sent a letter to the providers. A list was made of the providers from each county. The family has the right to interview and select one. Another question was how many consumers have been served for the one time funding offered to waiting? Two hundred and seventy-three (273) people in the SunCoast region that have accepted and are being served. Sixty-eight thousand, five hundred and three dollars (\$68,503.00) were spent so far and there is eight hundred and twenty-three thousand dollars (\$823,000) left in Suncoast. Is it provided by counties? No. There is more staff working now on this project. We have seventeen (17) new names to the Wavier. Target is one thousand, two hundred and one (1,201). Goal is six thousand. We are proactive to get people on the MedWaiver. One thousand, eight hundred and seventy (1,870) have declined Mini-wavier. Zoharah Peters has all the supplies that Rhonda Sloan from the East Suncoast Region FCC group. Zoharah Peters is in the office almost every day. The APD is moving on June 1, 2006 to Tampa for a new office at 1313 Tampa Street, Tampa, FL.

Program: There was a discussion of the suspension of the East Suncoast Region FCC group by Carl Littlefield. Beverley DeStories said there needs to be a commitment by an individual to lead that group. She asked for persons to attend the East meetings. She said the meetings have been held during the day in the past. 1313 Tampa Street in Tampa is the proposed meeting site. Beverley DeStories said she would like for the visitors to give her some ideas about how to proceed with the Suncoast East meeting assistant. Lisa Webb agreed to participate. Beverley DeStories explained the purpose of the FCC and announced that a conference call will take place on Tuesday April 18, at 7:00 pm. It will be a conference call for all the Florida FCC chairpersons. There is an 800 number to call and listen in on. Please use good telephone call manners when listening in on this call/conference. It is a good opportunity for everyone to get involved and listen.

Citizen's Time: A consumer brought up a question she had about her doctor's office not having proof that she has Medicaid. It is all worked out. She changed doctors. Parents wanted suggestions for a son with Cerebral Palsy who is not on Med-Waiver. Caring and Sharing was suggested buy one person. Scott Parrish has Cerebral Palsy, a degree and has an Agency that provides supports. Given a business card to contact and ask for an intake form for their son. Ann Millan said the FCC website under Developmental Disabilities has information about available services. The FCC website also has links to the ADP website. WWW.onourown.fl.com was also suggested. Clearwater has a Therapeutic Recreation classes. Largo and St. Petersburg recreation has it as well. Lisa Webb has a special needs ten year old son. His disability is Mental Retardation. He lives in Dade City and goes to regular education school. A consumer had a problem with a new prescription with a new drug being covered.

Non-Agenda Announcements: Next month Bill Culhane will be getting a list of potential accident risks and problem areas. He will bring what he can. UPARC is starting a support groups once a week. Downs, SLC, HAP, SEP, Living Will, groups rotating. Bill Culhane reported that UPARC is working with Pinellas Dental Association to provide dental services. Changes to the dental services will be discussed at UPARC town hall meeting In May. In June the Clearwater Recreation Center is having: outings, dancing, cooking and Karate. (Continued on the next page...)

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Our next FCC Meeting will be on Monday, May 15th, 2006, at 6:30 PM at UPARC, The Long Center. (1501 North Belcher Road, Clearwater, FL 33765.) All are invited to socialize at McDonalds after the meeting to fellowship and discussion. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Beverly DeStories entertained the motion to adjourn the meeting Sandy Carpenter first and Tyler LeClair seconded it. All were in favor; it was voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Reinecke