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

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**January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 Minutes**

**Council Members Present:**

Louise Reinecke, Ann Millan,  
Sandy Carpenter, Rob Mochrie,  
Beverly DeStories, Margaret Watkins,  
Brian Simpson, Virginia Ruf, Tyler LeClair

**Absent or Excused:**

Barbara Ireland, Judy Senick

**Liaison:**

Zoharah Peters

**Board Meeting**

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-two 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. Her name is Zoharah Peters.

**Business**

**Secretary's Report:** will be read next month.

**Financial Coordinator:** No treasures report.

**Co-Chairperson's Report:** Beverly DeStories gave Zoharah Peters the applications and copied them and is sending copies to Tallahassee. Margaret Watkins, Virginia Ruff, Mrs. Bevins and Ron Hutchins will be on the board soon. Provider Fair is next month. We are working with Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) and Carl Littlefield. There will be an up coming Free Provider Fair that will be occurring Sunday, February 26, 2006, from 10:00am - 5:00pm at Marriott Tampa Westshore, 1001 North Westshore Blvd., Tampa, FL - (813) 287-2555. "Provider agencies or businesses will have display tables. APD will have booths for provider enrollment and a help desk that will offer assistance to families in matching their service needs with prospective providers in their county. There will be separate adjoining rooms with tables to interview. We encourage individuals and their families who remain on the wait list or who are currently receiving services to attend and meet the providers in their local community. Shelly Brantley, Director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Tallahassee, will be present to lend her support to families, providers and the Region through what we believe will be an excellent networking opportunity. Kevin Edwards, The Council on Quality and Leadership, will lead three identical short programs throughout the day regarding the importance of quality, support relationships, and inclusion. Registration is not required, but recommended." Ann Millan wants us all there. She will be renting two hotel rooms for FCC members who are assisting with the Provider Fair; one for men and one for women. Consumers who are helping should arrive at 8:00 a.m. People will wear name tags. The Governor's budget will be out February 2, 2006. Four hundred and sixty-three (463) will be getting funds [twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per person]. Letters went out this month. This is from general revenue for those on the waiting list. New Yellow Notebooks (consumer guides) should be arriving soon. Planning Ahead Books printed by the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc. were made available to take this evening. There was also a flyer on Florida Housing Finance Corporation conducting a Rental Housing for People with Disabilities Forum on January 31, 2006 from 10:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Orlando City Hall, Overlook Room, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor in Orlando Florida. A packet on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was also handed out.

**Administrator Assistant:** Still looking for someone to fill this paid position.

**Program:** The program at this month's meeting was on the new Area Quality Leadership Committee in the SunCoast Region. Marcia DiGrazia of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) spoke on the goals and purpose of the committee. She handed out a packet for everyone to follow as she did her slide show presentation.

**Old Business:** There really was no time for discussion.

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**New Business:** FCC is having difficulties getting people on the board. Marcia DiGrazia asked Ann Millan if someone called about transportation issue for consumers.

**APD Liaison Report:** Discussed FCC treasurer report and FY 05-06 Waiver Enrollment handouts. Zoharah Peters does this manually. She is open to any suggestions on the budget. She also stated that she gave FCC board applications to Ilene.

**Citizen's Time:** There really was no time for discussion.

**Non-Agenda Announcements:**

Our next FCC Meeting will be on Monday, February 20, 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 made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Sandy Carpenter seconded it. All were in favor; it was voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Reinecke  
FCC Secretary