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

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**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Minutes**

**Council Members Present:**

Louise Reinecke, Brian Simpson,  
Beverly DeStories, Tyler LeClair

**Absent or Excused:**

Barbara Ireland, Judy Senick,  
Margaret Watkins, Virginia Ruf,  
Sandy Carpenter, Rob Mochrie

**APD Liaison:**

Zoharah Peters

**Board Meeting**

Beverly DeStories called the meeting to order and asked those present to introduce themselves at 6:45pm. David Calgi was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a total of seventeen present. Beverly DeStories asked the board members to stand up and they identified themselves. There was not a quorum. There wasn't an APD (Agency on Persons with Disabilities) Liaison present.

**Business**

**Secretary's Report:** December and January minutes were handed out to the members present. They cannot approve without a quorum. Members will review and will vote on them at the next FCC meeting.

**Financial Coordinator:** See the APD Liaison Report.

**Co-Chairperson's Report:** Frustrated with waiting for the applicants to be made official board members. Beverly DeStories wants to recognize applicants as Associate Members. They can do everything but vote.

**Administrator Assistant:** Continues to send out announcements for the FCC, checks the FCC voicemail on the 800 phone line and returns calls.

**Program:** A video titled, "24/7" was shown. It is about a family that is on the waiting list for Med-Waiver Services in Florida and showing another family that is currently receiving services. This award winning film will also be seen at the Sarasota Film Festival.

**Old Business:** There are suppose to be two separate local FCC meetings...one for Pinellas & Pasco (West) and one for Hillsborough (East). East has had difficulty getting board members and organized meetings. FCC needs new members. Family Care Council has been around since 1993. We need to educate the legislators. We need APD to help inform more consumers, families and providers about FCC and its purpose to order to get the word out...especially to individuals new to Med-Waiver and its services. APD has all their addresses.

**New Business:** none

**APD Liaison Report:** Hand-out Family Care Council Treasurer Report Fiscal Year 7/01/05 to 6/30/06. It is still a work in progress...07/01/05....Six hundred and seventy-one (671) names one time funding that is up to twenty-five hundred (\$2,500.00). Three-hundred and three (303) accepted IFS. One-hundred and seventy-five (175) requested services totaling four hundred and twenty-thousand, six hundred and seventy-two dollars (\$420,672.00). They have nine general Support Coordinators working on this and one full time OPS worker. Another one time funding is for Supported Employment. Fourteen staff is working on this. One-hundred and three (103) individuals have accepted Supported Employment Providers (SEP). Bill Culhane wanted to know who makes the referral to the provider...who selects the provider. The recipients can choose their own based on the list of providers that told APD that they were available. She does not have the Waiver enrollment for this year. The latest update comes out tomorrow.

**Citizen's Time:** There was a discussion about the movie and other movies with developmentally disabled adults.

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**Non-Agenda Announcements:** Pathways and Partnerships...Millie Bucy is still doing..? We need her to communicate her needs to us. If she wants to use FCC funding she needs to contact Beverly. Zoharah will be in touch with Millie since APD will be partnering with this project. Barbara Swisher is going to have a Program on Special Needs Trust. UPARC Town Hall meeting is Wednesday, March 22, 2006 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Bill Culhane is talking about presentations to assist you in planning for your loved ones, wills, guardianship, health care surrogate and special needs trusts. Also financial planning, "Who will care after I am gone?" Plus a Planning Ahead Handbook was offered to anyone to take home for your use. UPARC will be having a picnic on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 at Philippe Park, Shelter #2 from 11:00am-2:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Beverly DeStories entertained the motion to adjourn the meeting. Louise Reinecke first and Brian Simpson seconded it. All were in favor; it was voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Reinecke  
FCC Secretary