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

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**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Minutes**

**Council Members Present:**

Louise Reinecke, Tyler LeClair,  
Virginia Ruf, Ronald Hutchins,  
Sandy Carpenter, Beverly DeStories,  
Rob Mochrie

**Absent or Excused:**

Judy Senick, Brian Simpson,  
Barbara Ireland, Margaret Watkins

**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-seven 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:** Beverly DeStories entered a motion that the February's 2006 minutes were approve first by Sandy and seconded Tyler LeClair with changes. All were in favor; it was voted unanimously. March's 2006 minutes are tabled until read and 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 04/30/06," (see attached sheets). She reviewed the handout with the group quickly. She shared a memo from herself that she sent to the FCC members stating, "We are approaching our fiscal year end 6-30-06. Please be advised to submit all reimbursements for travel and other expenses ASAP. The deadline to submit all reimbursements is 6-30-06. Thanks in advance for your cooperation."

**Co-Chairperson's Report:** Beverly DeStories discussed the importance of the APD Transportation forum on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, 2902 West Bearss Avenue, Tampa, FL 33618, from 5:30pm-7:00pm (see handout). Another handout she gave was on, "Frequently asked questions on Medicaid state plan coverage - May 9, 2006." Beverly DeStories entered a motion that Three thousand-two hundred (\$3,200.00 from the West FCC to the statewide (leaving the \$1,500.00 from the East FCC budget to go to the Pathways and Partnership conference on the June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006). It was approved first by Sandy Carpenter and seconded Rob Mochrie. All were in favor; it was voted unanimously. Zoharah Peters discussed what the Pathways and Partnership Conference was about. Beverly DeStories entered a motion that to approve the travel expenses for Louise Reinecke to attend the Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL) for a day of training conference on the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006. It was approved first by Sandy Carpenter and seconded Rob Mochrie. All were in favor; it was voted unanimously.

**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.

**Old Business:** Beverly DeStories had to write a letter to say what makes FCC applicants qualified, how many FCC meetings were attended, etc...She made a cover letter for the FCC applicants. Beverly DeStories asked Zoharah Peters to put the letters with the applications and to mail them out to Stephanie Khan at the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. Beverly DeStories expressed some concern over how long it is taking to get minutes. It was explained that the Secretary is being trained on how to edit the minutes in addition to typing them up and that it takes longer to produce them but that they are getting worked on. Beverly DeStories talked about the conference call that occurred on Tuesday April 18, at 7:00 pm. It was for all the Florida FCC chairpersons.

**New Business:** none

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**APD Liaison Report:** Zoharah Peters distributed copies of the "FY 05-06 Wavier Enrollment – May 09, 2006" and quickly reviewed them (see attached sheets). It is still a work in progress. As of 07/01/05 six hundred and seventy-one (671) names were on the one time funding that is available up to twenty-five hundred dollars (\$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). Someone wanted to know who makes the referral to the providers...who selects the provider. The recipients can choose their own based on the list of providers that told the APD that they were available. She does not have the Waiver enrollment for this year. The latest update comes out tomorrow. APD is moving June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 to 1313 North Tampa, Tampa FL 33602. The phone number will change. The number is not known at this time. FCC number will remain the same.

**Program:** A letter from Scott Barrish, M.A. of Been There, Inc. & Vice Chair I.Q.C. regarding MedWaiver issues he is bringing to the IQC attention was read and discussed. Nancy Seiler suggested for each person to write their own personal letter in response to Scott Barrish's letter.

**Citizen's Time:** Louise Reinecke asked Beverly DeStories if she had given Zoharah Peters their reimbursement form. Nancy Seiler selling home that is handicapped accessible. Amelia Skylar discussed several items: Crisis intervention for PCA and home health aides procedures need to be established; Need to write a legislation to be converted into a bill; there is no accountability?; Needs to be planned with the Support Coordinator because, they are not getting paid enough. There was a discussion about movies with developmentally disabled adults.

**Non-Agenda Announcements:** Bill Culhane said there is a new dentist on Ulmerton Road who accepts Medicaid Consumers. It needs to be sent out to all WSC, providers, consumers and their families. We had a discussion of dental information. First original visit is approved. If under three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) it goes to APS; if over it has to go to Maximus with the first dentist's and the second dentist's report and x-rays. Closing of Sunland continues; approximately six people are coming to UPARC. Beverly DeStories discussed the need to follow through with the one time funding before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. She had been told that APD would not pay for the folding stroller justified by a Physical Therapist but a script from a doctor got it approved from APS. It got switched from Maximus to APS (a Prior Authorization Service) when they found she was under the \$77,460.00 cap. Amelia Skylar brought up the Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Supportive Housing Coalition To Meet Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Our next FCC Meeting will be on Monday, June 19, 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 approved and Tyler seconded it. All were in favor; it was voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Reinecke