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

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September 18th, 2006 Minutes

Council Members Present:

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

Absent or Excused:

Judy Senick, Barbara Ireland,
Rob Mochrie, Margaret Watkins
Ronald Hutchins

APD Liaison:

Zoharah Peters
Carl Littlefield

Board Meeting

Beverly DeStories called the meeting to order and asked those present to introduce themselves at 6:45 p.m. Sandy Carpenter was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There were a total of twenty-one present. Beverly DeStories asked the board members to stand up and they identified themselves. There were two an APD (Agency on Persons with Disabilities) Liaison present, Zoharah Peters and Carl Littlefield.

Business

Monday September 18, 2006, is Disability Mentoring Day. Wednesday, October 9, 2006, is the Kick-Off Event from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Employers Location. The deadline for registration is Friday, September 22, 2006.

Beverley DeStories requested an increase in the Travel Budget for the six Council Meetings. Beverley DeStories is also prepaying for DSL Internet service for 12 Months and is requesting reimbursement for this.

Secretary's Report: For the Administrative Aide position, Beverley suggested that Angie Wulf-Liles should be Louise's Provider and help Louise with notes. The board discussed changing the title of the job so that Angie could help Louise under a separate job description than provider. Chris Seiler will work with Beverley DeStories to create a title.

New Business: Beverley DeStories called for a discussion on transferring Fifteen Hundred Dollars. Discussion commenced and a motion was made by Sandy Carpenter to have the additional funds transferred to the account that now has Five Hundred Dollars in it and bring that amount up to Two Thousand Dollars. Virginia Ruf seconded it. All were in favor; it was passed unanimously. The FCC extra increase will go towards improvements we need for the FCC website.

Treasurer's Report:

Administrator Assistant: Angie Wulf-Liles continues to send out announcements for the FCC and checks the FCC voicemail on the 800-phone line and returns calls until a new Administrative Assistant is found and has the time to apply for the position.

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APD Liaison Report: Carl Littlefield said Nancy Seiler gave a good idea. Nancy's idea was to see if there is someone in the District to give us training. Carl said, "Follow the money, you know where the purse is. If you spend it all this year, you will get it next year."

Carl Littlefield said the success rate in hearings ninety-six percent. There are horror stories in APD. APD is filing for being exempt trying to be 120 September 25. The hearing will be in October with John Hought.

Carl Littlefield hired Zoharah for three reasons: She is a parent of a severely disabled child; she has an accounting degree; and she possesses very strong organization skills.

We are in membership limbo at this time.

Citizen's Time: There is a shortage of support coordinators looking for good providers to understand consumers' needs and goals. Beverley DeStories said people that are in crisis are getting money. The state has had to tighten up on crisis money. Foster kids providers will be receiving more money.

Non-Agenda Announcements: Family Care Council Statewide Meeting will be November 17th in Orlando. The Hampton Inn is Ninety-Nine Dollars a night. The plan is to go Friday morning so everyone will be there for a half-day Friday so they can discuss the agenda and items for the following day.

Our next FCC Meeting will be on Monday, October 16th, 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 Brian seconded it. All were in favor; it was voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Reinecke
(Edited after the fact by Carisa Boyes)