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

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November 20th, 2006 Minutes

Council Members Present:

Brian Simpson, Ronald Hutchins
Virginia Ruf, Beverly DeStories,
Sandy Carpenter, Alice Bivin

Absent or Excused:

Margaret Watkins,
Rob Mochrie, Tyler LeClair,
Louise Reinecke

APD Liaison:

Zoharah Peters

Board Meeting

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 were a total of twenty 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

Co-Chairperson's Report: Beverly went to the FCC state conference this weekend. Beverly said it was a breath of fresh air. Delmarva did a presentation and will give one here in January. Jack Kosik, a parent, did a presentation about a life skills program that he started up. Noah's Arc. Beverly brought a bunch of flyers. He will do a power point presentation in December. The website is:

www.noahsarkfl.org

Dist. 8 has a new FCC Chair named Maria Eash who made a Navigator map as a guide through the developmentally disabled services of Lee County.

We received a listing of the FCC Council as perceived by Stephanie Khan and it needs revisions. There are thirteen listed and it should be eleven. Zoharah will address this issue during her APD Liaison Report

Thursday, Nov. 30 there will be a hearing. Please see the attached flyer.

The APD has \$200,000 in its budget and wants to know if anyone wants to give a conference by June. Please see the attached flyer. We brainstormed on it and discussed people who might be available to put on a conference in Pinellas County.

Beverly entered a motion to have her share this Request for Information with others. Virginia moved to have this information shared. Sandy seconded it. This motion was approved without any objections.

Three hundred and forty foster children who have developmental disabilities have been pushed to the head of the list. Many people are upset about this because they have lived here all their lives and others are being put in front of them.

Secretary's Report: Louise was unable to attend this meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Zoharah reports no spending for the treasurer's report. Travel reimbursement is for July or September.

New Business: 18,995 clients on the waiting list statewide. Pasco County has five hundred people; Pinellas County has One-Thousand Sixty-Four.

A man from Alabama moved here 2 years ago and retired. He signed his daughter up for SSDI. She received more monthly, but then had her services reduced. The system needs to be mainlined. Beverly plans to bring this up in front of the Quality Control.

Administrator Assistant: Carisa Boyes has turned in her paperwork and is waiting for office to approve purchasing order. There was a misunderstanding. Beverly sent Zoharah an email for 24 hours and it

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was short of the thirty hours. Carisa e-mailed Beverly about it and Beverly responded that Carisa could e-mail Zoharah back the response. Carisa did, but didn't notate it as a new e-mail, so Zoharah thought it was the same e-mail and disregarded it. Send the purchase order request to Marian Dandridge. Elena Stewart is the one who approves it.

Program: None.

APD Liaison Report: Beverly had laptop returned to her from Zoharah. Please see attached flyer.

Beverly is still waiting on her wireless and DSL reimbursement from Central Office.

Newsletter- Ann Millan and Stephanie Khan (FCC Liaison-Statewide) are working on getting paid thru Central Office.

September Travel Reimbursement for Beverley DeStories still needs to have the backup paperwork submitted.

OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTATION FROM COUNCILS:

- 1. 2nd Quarter Projection due 10/13/06** – waiting from Chair-Beverley DeStories.
- 2. FCCF Transfer Fund-** waiting for Beverley to provide “Letter of request and justification for increase of \$1500 from Statewide Chairs”. Present the above-mentioned letter to the Council to vote for approval.
- 3. Minutes Outstanding:** June, July, August, September and October of 2006.
- 4. Memo from Central Office dated 9-28-06 Re: FCC By-Laws and FCC Support Plan due 10/27/06.**
- 5. There are 6 current members and 3 members waiting for re-appointments. Council should consist of 10-15 members.**

CURRENT: Alice Bivin, Ronald Hutchins, Robert Mochrie, Sandra Carpenter, Louise Reinecke, Margaret Watkins,

WAITING FOR APPT: Beverley DeStories, Virginia Ruf, and Brian Simpson

May is the election date for the FCC west.

How many would like the date of the elections put into election?

For the Steering Committee, Betty Beauchine has a list and asked that Beverly reply to Marcy. Also, it was stated that this must be done before the IQC committee meeting next month on December 13-15, 2006.

CFS placed 16% of the 340 foster kids. Beverly had her child's services cut recently.

Citizen's Time: Brian suggested that APD and FCC get listed on 211, on Bay News Nine and on Bright House Networks.

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Fiddlers will pay for conference fees for parents of individuals with developmental disabilities.

CDC recommendations:

Explore the use of FCC for linking people to their natural supports. Zoharah said if you have a natural support, they are someone you already have in your life. The question was brought up about posting this information online could be used by predators. Also that this is a volunteer position and it takes up a lot of time for the family.

Zoharah asked Brian to explain the Steering Committee. It is a grant that the APD gets to be an advisory group to look at the quality of the work. FCC looks at the APD budget and family needs. Beverly will need to reply to Marcy.

Beverly has assigned Louise and Angela Wulf-Liles as marketing directors.

Virginia is starting a support group for parents of downs syndrome.

Non-Agenda Announcements:

Our next FCC Meeting will be on Monday, December 18th, 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,

Carisa Boyes