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

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June 19th, 2006 Minutes

Council Members Present:

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

Absent or Excused:

Judy Senick, Barbara Ireland,
Margaret Watkins, 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. Sandy Carpenter was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a total of twenty-six present. Beverly DeStories asked the board members to stand up and they identified themselves. There wasn't an APD (Agency on Persons with Disabilities) Liaison present.

Business

Secretary's Report: Sandy Carpenter entered a motion that the March and April 2006 minutes be accepted. Tyler LeClair approved first and Brian Simpson seconded it. All were in favor; it was passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report: See the APD Liaison Report.

Co-Chairperson's Report: Beverly DeStories asked the APD Liaison about the Governor's Appointment Status on the individuals who applied to be FCC board members. The APD Liaison said that Beverly DeStories has to write a letter to say what makes each of them qualified, how many FCC meetings they had each attended. Beverly DeStories made a generic checklist cover letter for the FCC applicants and asked the APD Liaison to put the letters with the applicants and to mail them out to Stephanie Khan at the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.

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 until a new Administration Assistant is found and has time to apply for the position.

Program: Bill Wright from Wright Way Medical Supplies led a discussion regarding single source provider of consumable incontinent supplies that the legislation ordered Agency for Health Care Administration (ACHA) to implement. Only one company would be supplying disposal medical supplies because ACHA needs to save money and a provider has already been chosen. Someone said it is a done deal and that nobody can do anything about it. We (consumers) are no longer the "Driver" like the Yellow Notebooks say. It was suggested that the consumers and their family members contact their legislators. The IQC wrote a letter to ACHA and they have lawsuits going on. Follow up on the IQC Meeting. Linda Maple of APD drafted the letter. She doesn't like what is going on. Beverly DeStories signed the letter. Beverly thanked Bill Wright for speaking tonight.

Ryan Krampitz of Pinellas Care Systems, Inc. also did a presentation on Consumer Choice & How to Help Make an Informed Choice through Vision. Dreams, hopes and desires should be brought back. Help the people live their lives that they want to live. Self-actualization was discussed and all made suggestions. Make a list about what they want to accomplish things before they die. What are they good at? What do they like to do? Think outside of the box.

Old Business: Beverly DeStories handed out a packet on Free Disaster Preparedness booklet from FIFI. She downloaded it from the www.fifionline.org; the FIFI website.

New Business: None.

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APD Liaison Report: There is a new mailing address for Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Suncoast Region: 1313 N Tampa, Suite 515, Tampa, FL 33602-3328 (813) 233-4313 Fax (813) 233-4302; Zoharah Peters – FCC Liaison (813) 233-4313

Citizen's Time: A consumer had some of her hours cut with her In-Home Support. She wants to have a hearing. She feels her rights were violated. She asked her Support Coordinator for a hearing. It should be held within 30 days.

Virginia talked about taking a class on becoming a Professional Guardian. She asked the question, "What will you do if you are incapacitated with a stroke?" Use a trust. "Where is the protection?" There are no guarantees in life and there never will be. She also brought along some Exceptional Parents magazines that her library was selling for mere change because they were old copies. She said it was a good resource, especially for those without access or capabilities to use the Internet.

Non-Agenda Announcements:

Our next FCC Meeting will be on Monday, July 17, 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 a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Carpenter first and Tyler LeClair seconded it. All were in favor; it was voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Reinecke and Carisa Boyes

(Edited after the fact by Carisa Boyes from Louise's notes)