

FAMILY CARE COUNCIL FLORIDA

Frank Carroll, Chairperson

Sheraton Suites, Orlando Airport

Orlando, Florida

May 21, 2011

Amended 9/17/11

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Carroll, Chairperson (Area 3)
Pauline Lipps, Treasurer, (SunCoast Region East)
Patty Houghland, Secretary (Area 1)
Betty Kay Clements, Past FCCF Chairperson (Area 13)
Melinda Willaford (Area 4)
Beverly Destories (SunCoast Region West)
Donna Rauber (Area 7)
Mary Pringle (Area 8)
Veronica Pappas (Area 9)
Jean Sherman (Area 10)
Manyvone Champavannarath (Area 14)
Isabel S DeMartinez (Area 13)
Lisa McGlone (Area 15)

GUEST:

Ruth Wingate
Lynne James
Charles Ball
Stephanie Willaford
Christina De Caso

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone. The contents of the information packet were reviewed and include the following:

- FCCF Agenda
- FCCF March 19, 2011 Minutes
- Financial SAB as of April 30, 2011
- Closing Dates for Purchases Requisitions
- In the Name of Treatment, A.P.R.A.I.S
- Shouldn't School Be Safe, TASH
- How to Fix Congress
- Lou Ogburn report "Visit with Bryan Vaughan"
- Developmental Disabilities Budget Outcomes
- Florida pushing new fees for most Medicaid recipients
- Clock Ticking on Medicaid Overhaul Sell to Feds
- Medicaid Block Grants Articles
- Host Homes
- Natural Support Survey
- APD Central Office staff list

There was general discussion on the various pieces of information in the packet.

II. BUSINESS

Review of Minutes—Patty Houghland made motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Jean Sherman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by consensus.

III. Budget Report—Pauline Lipps, treasurer reviewed the budget report. Pauline reviewed the budget report for FCCF and what is still remaining.

IV. APD UPDATE BY CHARLES BALL

Charles gave a brief overview of his employment history. Most recently he was the superintendent of MRDP. Charles is now back in Central office in Tallahassee as Bureau Chief of the Financial Services and Budgetary Division. Charles gave the following information concerning the budget for the Agency:

- The Governor has not signed the bill yet but feels that the budget will be pretty much as it is in the bill. There are 3 “turkey’s” that the Governor may use his line item veto on.
- There was a substantial increase in overall funds. In the waiver category it went up by 5 million dollars. With the change in the stimulus money the legislature was required to add \$45 million in state money just to keep us even. Every other category in the Agency was reduced which included the operational funds, individual and family support, and room and board saw reductions.
- The Legislature and the Appropriation Act took steps to resolve the current year deficit –carry over deficit.
- There is a 4% provider cut across the board – saving \$36 million
- There is a statewide freeze on cost plans—projected savings of \$6.8 million
- Currently the Agency is spending about \$930 million a year on actual expenditures.
- Agency must report monthly to Legislature and Governors office on expenditures
- There is \$1.1billion of unrealized liability that is a threat. Actually the Agency spends about \$930 million, but if everyone spent all the money in their cost plans it would reach the \$1.1 billion and the appropriation is only \$810 million.
- The Agency is soliciting suggestions/ideas from providers, Support Coordinators, and of course families, as to how we can live within our means.
- Respite is one service that has a high unrealized liability. That mean individuals have it in their cost plans just in case they may need it. One concept is a respite pool.
- The Agency is moving towards an electronic client central record.
- The Agency will establish standardized rates for IB
- The Agency has to reduce the cost plans expenditure about \$80 million
- The 4 % reduction of the provider rates should not be reflected in service units for the individual.
- Marvin Doyal is the Inspector General for APD, and everyone should send him an email if they suspect there is fraud going on in any APD program.
- The challenge is to nibble away at the project deficit of \$ 70 to \$80 after the 4% provider cut and still keep a robust provider network

- There was much concern and discussion around those one time emergencies, such as when a care giver is sick or got hurt and can't give care for X amount of time. Where will that help come from?
- **850-251-5997 is the phone number for Mr. Ball.**

There was general discussion about the deficit, possible ways to reduce the deficit, but the group feels the bottom line is that the program is really under funded.

V. iBUDGET FLORIDA UPDATE BY JOSH BEDWELL, PROJECT MANAGER

Josh gave the following update on iBudget Florida test families. There are 4 individuals enrolled in the iBudget system in area 2. There are between 14 to 20 providers of services enrolled in the system. The individuals have been able to make changes on their services and the services authorizations were sent. Josh then took questions from the group. There were many questions from the group and those that Josh could not answer he would consult with Hilary and report back. One question was about the budget the individuals had, and it was their same budget as in the TIER waivers. After a number of questions it appeared to the group that the flexibility of the program was not there. It also seemed that the service family concept was no longer a part of the iBudget program. Josh stated that there will be an amendment to the iBudget waiver dealing with what we know as service families. Josh stated that the flexibility is now across the board, instead of just inside service families. Josh took notes on all the concerns and will get some communication with Hilary and the group. Josh stated that there has been a handbook written and it has been submitted to AHCA. There were questions about the handbook and if there is the opportunity to request a copy of the handbook. Josh will check on it. There is a plan in development for the implementation of the program, but it is not finalized as of yet. Everyone was reminded to check the website: <http://apd.myflorida.com/ibudget/>, where there will be additional information.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Election of officers for the 2011-2012 year was held and the officers are as follow:

- Chairperson: Frank Carroll
- Vice Chairperson: Phil Pearson
- Secretary: Patty Houghland
- Treasurer: Pauline Lipps

There was discussion concerning the local FCC contribution to FCCF. A motion was made by Patty that \$1,000 be allocated to FCCF from each council at the beginning of the budget year. The motion was seconded by Pauline Lipps. The motion passed by majority vote.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Houghland, FCCF Secretary
The next meeting is: July 16, 2011
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Amendment to minutes:

Members requested by consensus that office supplies and computer with accessories be ordered with remaining budget that would meet end of year expenditures. It was understood that some purchases might not occur.

Equipment and Supplies list for FCCF to include or be considered:

Folders, Case of Copy Paper, Replacement cartridge for Brother Printer
HP 56 twin pack and HP 22,
1500-2000 postage stamps if possible
FCCF-Exhibit-Display boards # based on price, mobility etc. TBD
Laptop Computer/ accessories to be considered based on budget balance
Wirelesses, Carrying Case pull ability, External keyboard, Increased memory
Webcam-camera, Mouse wireless, Cooling Pad

Betty Kay Clements
FCCF Past Chairperson
Sept. 17, 2011