

FAMILY CARE COUNCIL FLORIDA

Frank Carroll, Chairperson

Sheraton Suites, Orlando Airport

Orlando, Florida

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Carroll, Chairperson (Area 3)
Phil Pearson, Vice Chairperson (Area 12)
Pauline Lipps, Treasurer, (SunCoast Region East)
Patty Houghland, Secretary (Area 1)
Betty Kay Clements, Past FCCF Chairperson (Area 13)
Maria Quinones (Area 4)
Julie Byars (SunCoast Region West)
Chris Dugan (Area 7)
Sharon Berry (Area 8)
Jean Malacko (Area 9)
Jean Sherman (Area 10)
Isabel S DeMartinez (Area 13)
Manyvone Champavannarath (Area 14)

GUEST:

Mary Beth Pringle
Diane Ciccarelli
Marcia Minatello
Laura Minatello
Deborah Linton
Art Barndt
Debbie Hannifan

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 included the following:

- FCCF Agenda
- FCCF November Minutes
- Travel Memo
- Legislative platform
- Family Care Councils statute 393.502
- Family Care Council summary of budgets
- Flawed Medicaid Proposals Article
- Florida Aging Services Providers information of Webinar
- Presentations given to the Transition Team
- House Bill 115
- Listing of Acronyms
- List of committee members

II. BUSINESS

Review of Minutes—Chris Dugan made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Maria Quinones seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by consensus.

III. Budget Report—Pauline Lipps, treasurer, reviewed the budget report. The Council is pleased with the information and the improvements that have been made by Jennifer Hart.

IV. Old Business—There was no old business.

V. APD UPDATE BY DIRECTOR JIM DeBeaugrine

Jim's information:

Couple things of interest to call your attention to:

The dental clinic in Miami Dade County had their grand opening. The demand has exceeded expectation that has created a bit of a log jam to getting in.

JR Harding, Michael the statewide project manager of SEARCH for the DD council, and Jim DeBeaugrine met with the city of St. Petersburg and the Home Shopping Network. A commitment was secured from both to host a Project SEARCH site. This will be an intensive internship type of program and Project SEARCH provides onsite support for a group of about 12 individuals and the host business agrees to assign those individuals to a variety of jobs. The individuals gain good work skills, work habits and socialization skills. It usually ends in offers of permanent employment. This project SEARCH will most likely kick off during the next school year.

Last week in Orlando, Jim was able to meet with the Vice President/treasurer of Universal Studios and the HR director of Disney. Both organizations have committed to helping APD place people in competitive employment opportunities either through a Project SEARCH or something like it to get started. Both of these individuals are on the board of Special Olympics of Florida. Jim is invited to speak to the Special Olympics Board on February 5th. Other businesses represented by the board are directors from Well Fargo, Orlando Magic & Proctor and Gamble. This may open up a few doors from major employers.

APD would like to have individuals in 5,000 jobs out of the Governors 700,000 jobs in 7 years initiative. That would be just about double the numbers of individuals that are employed right now. For individuals who are transitioning out of high school, the emphasis will be on employment as the preferred outcome.

For individuals on the wait list in category 3 there will be money made available from General Revenue. That money will be distributed to about 3,500 people in the category. This will be like a voucher. It will allow the individual to work with designated providers that are located throughout the state to purchase services or goods. Each individual will receive around \$1,500.

Topic of interest in the Legislature

Jim shared information about the Governor's transition team recommendation merging most of the health and human services agencies under a Department of Health and Human Services. That would have the effect of combining all the disabilities based on the organizational charts under a single roof and it would also include Voc. Rehab. There are some opportunities or advantages' to having the disabilities all together. The concern expressed by advocates would be that DD could get lost. No bill has been filed that matches what the Governors team laid out. Rep. Adkins in the house has filed a bill that sets up a structure similar to the old HRS. It

sets up a regional structure, and includes the Department of Children and Family Services and APD, among other HHS agencies. The Governor's proposal does not include the Dept. of Children and Family Services.

The Senate's bill just consolidates contract management in administration for the Health and Human Services Agencies. It does not combine the agencies themselves. It takes and locates a contract management function which would actually be an entity housed within the Department of Management Services. It would have a board of directors composed of the head of each affected Agency -- APD, Health, DCF, Elder Affair, and maybe AHCA.

The members of the Family Care Council were encouraged to let the policy makers know how they feel about these issues.

In terms of managed care you can expect to see the House come out with a bill basically like the one last year. The Senate is not nearly as focused on taking the DD population into the managed care arena and especially not with the home and community based services. Jim believes they are very interested in seeing APD move forward with the iBudget. The Agency gave a presentation on the automated system that they developed to support the iBudget and Senator Storms is very much behind the ibudget.

Managed care is a very broad subject and the details of the program are what will make or break it for our population. FCC was encouraged to make sure they fully understand proposals before they weigh in on them.

Jim appreciated all the support that was expressed at the transition team meeting for him personally and for the agency.

QUESTIONS

1. Do people on the wait list know what categories they are in?

They will be notified very shortly. NO, they have not been notified but will be shortly.

2. How will the individuals be notified?

They are going to work through the GR support coordinators. There will be some training next week.

3. Dental van project-- Where are we on that? Will it serve people on the wait list?

The Van should be here in May or June. Yes, the focus of that project would be the people on the waiting list but it will be also available to people on the waiver. There may be a sliding scale like that in Miami Dade.

4. In Project Search, do the individuals get minimum wage or better, have supports and who selects the participants?

The internship may be paid or not. If it is a paid internship the program sets the pay. Project Search actually pays the salary. A lot of the time it is individuals in the school systems, and

this is done as a school transition. The employer is not required to pay the wages during the internship time. Even in this down economy it is believed that about 60% who participate get offered a paid position. Through the transition programs with the school system, because of the availability of school staff and SEARCH staff, it is a low risk way to introduce our population to an employer. Project Search identifies interested individuals and the school system helps identify students also. The final selection is done by the business.

5. Has anyone mentioned EIP (Early Intervention Program) and CMS (Children Medical Service) being wrapped with APD?

Not really except the Scott Transition Team proposal would put us under the same roof. He does not know the fine details like that.

6. What are the percentages of each waitlist category?
It is on the FCCF web site

7. Are the categories based on the QSI? Who is in Category 3

No it is not based on just the QSI but it does answer some questions. The individuals in Category 3 are expected to have a serious /major event that will put them into crisis. They are right on the doorstep of crisis. Category 3 is considered to have the most urgent immediate needs.

Asked if the money isn't spent on Category 3 would the money then go down to Category 4? The answer was, they will have to give this some more discussion and thought.

VI. INFORMATION SHARED BY DEBORAH LINTON

Deborah explained what went on in the recent committee meetings. In the House talk there was about the Medicaid managed care bill that went through the house last year. It was very clear in that committee that the same bill with minor tweaks will go through again. It will put everybody in a managed care system and DD population will be scheduled 5 years out.

She then explained the House Bill 115 that creates a super agency compose of APD, AHCA, Department of Health and the Department of Children and Family Services. Also, from the Governors transition team there was the recommendation to move the agencies minus DCF into one big agency. Merging the Department of Health and AHCA is a huge task and one not to be done quickly due to the size of the organization and the rules and regulations etc.

The Senate did not put all those agencies together, but rather created a contract management unit over all those agencies. At this point the Senate does not have a bill merging all the agencies. The Arc has not seen any bill on managed care yet.

The Arc's first stand is not to go into managed care. Secondly, if DD goes, the Arc wants APD to be the Managed Care Organization and to implement the ibudget. The caution with the ibudget is that it still has to be within the appropriation, so it is not an endless money supply. The chair of the Senate appropriation committee stated that for years other programs of the

state have suffered because of an increase in cost in the Health and Human Services programs and that will not continue to happen. This is very concerning. Appropriation is going to be a huge battle. The adult with handicaps program through the Department of Education has been cut year after year. They operate in several counties around the state and there are a lot of wait list families that need this service. The Arc will work to keep this funding from being cut.

VII. AHCA UPDATES BY PAM KYLLONEN

Pam's information:

There is a hold in the rule-making process due to Governor's Executive Order. Several rules are in process and one related to DD is the present handbook corrections, where things were left out and typos. That version of the handbook is being routed in AHCA. A Hearing is the next step. The handbook is sitting in AHCA's legal office being reviewed, and the hearing will be in the FAW as soon as the moratorium on rule making is lifted. There will not be a big rewrite of this handbook. It will stay in the same format.

The iBudgetFlorida handbook is in the drafting stages. APD just recently sent a beginning draft to AHCA. The person in AHCA who is directly responsible for the iBudget Waiver is Rachel Cornwell. Email address: Rachel.Cornwell@ahca.myflorida.com.

Rules for rate changes are pending also. AHCA received federal approval for the flexible benefit service that is called community guide. This service was authorized by the legislature last session. The FMMIS system has been changed so that billing may happen for that service. The next step is to amend the rate rule to add the rate for community guide. It will have two levels with rates accordingly.

Another rule from last year that the legislature authorized was combining durable medical equipment and consumable medical supplies. APD had to first identify separate procedure codes to get a better handle on what is being bought. This will require a rate rule change and a procedure code rule change.

Another rule deals with incontinence supplies. Medicaid State plan covers diapers, pull ups and bed pads for individuals 4 through 20. There is a 200 item per month limit on that. If you are 4 through 20 and you need more than the limit of 200, then the waiver should pick up. The next stage of the incontinence supplies is to add 4 pages of procedure codes that are very detailed for children and adults that are beyond just diapers and pull ups. It covers wipes and gloves, ointments and so on. Rates will be established for all the waivers across the board that cover those items. The rates have been determined through a study by AHCA's DME staff by looking at other states and working with manufactures and retailers and wholesalers. The amendments to the waivers for the 2.5% reduction to tier cap 2, 3, and 4 have been sent to CMS. There was a formal request for input so the 90 day clock for CMS to approve those amendments and the iBudget waiver started over on December 28th. Those questions were answered and they were related to how the 4 tier waivers related to the new iBudget waiver. AHCA is expecting to have approval on the amendments and the new iBudget waiver in the next couple of weeks.

The direction from the legislature last year to set a cap on Tier one has not been requested at the federal level, because AHCA had questions as to how to implement that request. The cap

of \$150,000 did not pertain to certain population that has certain services. AHCA may not create a waiver within a waiver nor could they put those individuals in their own waiver, because they would all be at spending levels higher than the ICF/DD rate of \$98,000 to \$115,000. AHCA requested advice from CMS in Atlanta and Baltimore on how to meet that mandate.

Melanie Johnson resigned and she was the contract manager for Delmarva. Vennie Smith who was the analyst for CDC+ has also left AHCA.

VIII. PARTNERS IN POLICYMAKING BY DEBBIE HANNIFAN, PIP COORDINATOR FDDC

Ms. Hannifan gave the history of Partners in Policymaking and explained the structure of the program. She encouraged the council members to take several copies of the "Application for Participation" and encourage some of their members to sign up for the training. She also shared an information sheet on "What is Partners in Policymaking?".

IX. iBudgetFlorida UPDATE BY ART BARNDT, APD

Mr. Barndt explained the status of the iBudget phase-in plan. It will start small in Area 2 B, then go to 2A, and move across the state. The process is waiting for the federal approval from CMS. There must be an evaluator for the iBudget. Dr. Vitan has been selected to perform this function and she has background knowledge in cash and carry programs. The iBudget handbook is being worked on. Training will be web based as much as possible. The two new services are Person Centered Planning and Family and Guardian training. WSC's have been trained in Person Center Planning, so this would be an enhancement. The IT system is done with phase one.

X. NEW BUSINESS

The yearly by-law review committee is Jean Sherman, Chair, Pauline Lipps, Chris Dugan and Sharon Berry.

Phil made a motion and Isabel seconded for FCCF to purchase the crossover projector up to \$550.00. The motion carried by consensus.

Friday's meetings will become a networking meeting, starting with the next FCCF meeting.

FCC/FCCF Brochure requests will be sent out on Monday for all to put in orders.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Patty Houghland, FCCF Secretary**

The next meeting is:

March 19th, 2011

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