

FAMILY CARE COUNCIL FLORIDA

Frank Carroll, Chairperson

Sheraton Suites, Orlando Airport

Orlando, Florida

July 16, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Carroll, Chairperson (Area 3)
Pauline Lipps, Treasurer, (SunCoast Region East)
Patty Houghland, Secretary (Area 1)
Phil Pearson, Vice Chairperson (Area 12)
Elizabeth Burr (Area 2)
Don Taylor (Area 13)
Maria Quinones (Area 4)
Beverley DeStories (SunCoast Region West)
Donna Rauber (Area 7)
Mary Pringle (Area 8)
Jean Sherman (Area 10)
Pete Wesley (Area 14)
Lisa McGlone (Area 15)

GUESTS:

Ann Graybeal
Teri Doolittle
Ruth Wingate
Diane Ciccarelli
Clarence Lewis
L. Smith
Ginger Taylor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carrol 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 May 21, 2011 minutes
- The Arc Ridge Area and The Arc of the Glades letters to Representative Weatherford and Senator Neogron
- FCCF newsletter July 2011
- FCCF Schedule of Allotment Balance as of June 30,2011
- The amended Florida Statute on restraint and seclusion
- Scheduled iBudgetFlorida Implementation
- Paper "Modernize Medicaid to better support people with disabilities"
- Still in the Shadows with Their Future Uncertain- A Report on Family and Individual Needs for Disability Supports (FINDS) 2011
- Health News article "Dems attack Medicaid waiver"

II. BUSINESS

Review of Minutes-- Phil Pearson made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Jean Sherman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by consensus.

Budget Report—Pauline Lipps, Treasurer, reviewed the budget report. There were questions about the format of the budget spreadsheet. Pauline informed members that there are tabs at the bottom of each spreadsheet that gives more information.

III. APD UPDATE

Dr. Dave Robinson gave an overview of what has happened in the past concerning the APD budget. He then reviewed what the Legislature requires this year with the emphasis that APD **MUST** stay in the appropriation. Presently, the approved cost plans are over the appropriation by \$80 to \$90 million. Changes must happen to get the cost plans within the appropriations. There was a 4% across the board rate cut. Other things considered or talked about so far are; Companion losing the 1to1 rate, formation of a respite pool, transportation restricted to 2 one way trips daily, and reviewing the whole transportation problem, use of in-home supports instead of PCA when appropriate, request for percent cut for res hab and voluntary reductions are just a few of the ideas floating out there.

Dr. Robinson talked about the Customers Central Record (CCR) and that it should make the WSC job easier, and free them to do more in finding resources.

IV. iBudget Florida Update –Hilary Brazzell

Hilary participated by phone conference. She shared with the members the scheduled iBudgetFlorida Implementation chart. The first wave of enrollees will be Area 1 and 2 in October, followed by Area 8,14, SunCoast in December, Area 9,10,11,15 in February, and the final wave, Area 3,4,7,12, 13 in April. There was discussion concerning the “Service Family”. The Portal for consumers and families will not be ready until much later. Area 1 and 2 will go into the iBudget system with their present cost plan amounts. The algorithm will not be used. Customers will begin receiving information about iBudgetFlorida in a few weeks to begin the transition, so they will be controlling their personal waiver budgets starting **October 1**. This phase will cover 3,261 individuals.

Hilary reminded everyone that there is a very good Q and A page on the Agency website that will answer many questions for the group. There will be an iBudget handbook noticed in the FAW shortly.

V. LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY/STRATEGY—Phil Pearson

Phil shared his idea of keeping in touch with the legislature and the Governor on a monthly basis by sending them a letter about our individuals. He referenced the two letters in the packet. The membership thought it was a great idea and everyone signed up for a month as follows:

August SunCoast West
September Area 14
October Area 4

November Area 12
December Area 8
January SunCoast East
February Area 2
March Area 7
April Area 3
May Area 1
June Area 13
July Area 15

Phil requested articles for the Newsletter. Patty offered a special prize to the first person that sends an article to Phil.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Patty Houghland requested permission to have Stephanie Rogers research and purchase a new recording device for FCCF. The tape player that was being used has broken. Elizabeth Burr made a motion to purchase a new device spending up to \$100. Phil Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Houghland, FCCF Secretary

The next meeting is: September 17, 2011

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