

## FAMILY CARE COUNCIL FLORIDA MINUTES – NOVEMBER 16, 2019

### Members Present:

Patricia Oglesby, FCCF Chairperson, FCC 8  
Ruth Wingate, FCCF Secretary  
Paula James, FCCF Treasurer, Suncoast West (5)  
Patty Houghland, FCCF Past Chairperson  
Denise Torres, FCC 4  
Daniel Bayley, FCC 7  
Jean Malacko, FCC 9  
Marty Norris, FCC 10  
Sandy Ames, FCC 11  
Joseph Young, FCC 12  
Karen Huscher, FCC 13  
Laura Tacinelli, FCC 14  
Melody Hearn, FCC 15

### Guests:

Jeannette Estes  
Stephanie Strickland  
DarLing Malacko  
Lisa Lupi  
Eve Puttagio  
Reginald McGill

### APD Liaison to FCCF:

Stephanie Rogers

**Speaker:** Clarence Lewis,  
Deputy Director of Operations,  
Agency for Persons with Disabilities

The regular meeting of the Family Care Council Florida was held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 and called to order at 8:08 a.m. in the Yeager room of the Embassy Suites Hotel, Orlando.

### Member Action/Activity/Committees/Public Comment

- Moved by Jean Malacko, seconded by Denise Torres to accept the minutes of September 20, 2019 as presented. Motion passed.
- Moved by Sandy Ames, seconded by Karen Huscher to accept the minutes of September 21, 2019 as presented. Motion passed.
- Moved by Melody Hearn, seconded by Paula James to accept the minutes of October 21, 2019 as amended to read “A committee consisting of Chairperson Karen Huscher, with Dina Justice and Lou Ogburn will create a draft letter to members of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees.” Motion passed.
- Moved by Karen Huscher, seconded by Sandy Ames to purchase stamps and envelopes to send the FCCF letter to members of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees. Motion passed.
- The Developmental Disabilities Day Committee recommends using FCCF funds to purchase folders, labels and printing for DD Day and CAFÉ projects.
- Moved by Sandy Ames, seconded by Paula James to cover all travel expenses for Chairperson Patricia Oglesby to attend the DD Council consortium meeting on December 5-6. Motion passed.
- Council received the current FY 2019-2020 Expenditure report presented by Treasurer Paula James.
- Marty Norris discussed Danielle McGill’s request for letters of support for proposed legislative bills supporting specialized transportation from families who need this service.
- Paula James reviewed the proposed packet materials and activities for DD Day at Tallahassee. Forward personal stories and photos actively showing “Walk a Mile in My Shoes” to Stephanie Rogers at [Stephanie.rogers@apdcares.org](mailto:Stephanie.rogers@apdcares.org) by December 13, along with signed media releases. Legislators are currently in their home district, returning to Tallahassee December 9 through 13, then back home for holidays.
- Karen Huscher reviewed the letter being sent by FCCF to members of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees. Families can use for visits to their legislators.
- Denise Torres discussed the CAFÉ 2020 FCCF workshop. Focus will be on what FCCF does and who they are. The committee is recommending videos of local Councils,

pictures or movie clips showing how councils provide education and empowerment to local families. The committee will examine previous presentations and request a Saturday afternoon slot for the workshop at CAFÉ and a booth near APD in the Exhibit Hall. Karen Huscher volunteered to organize scheduling members to work at the booth. Lisa Lupi will manage the raffle and prizes for attendees. Sandy Ames will be spearheading the CAFÉ activities. Denise Torres and Sandy Ames will submit the proposal paperwork to CAFE. A second Spanish-speaking workshop was also suggested. Members were asked to assist with the workshop and booth.

- Stephanie Rogers discussed changes in the upcoming 2020 FCCF meeting schedule. Until further notice, Friday meetings will continue to start at 3:00.
- Reginald McGill, Constituent Services Director from the Orlando Office of the Mayor thanked the group on behalf of the Mayor for choosing Orlando as their meeting site and for the work they do on behalf of Floridians.
- Liaison to the Council Stephanie Rogers distributed Waiver and waiting list statistics.
- FCC chairs discussed their local activities and outreach to groups in their community.
- The group did two team-building activities that can be used by their local Councils.

#### **Clarence Lewis, Deputy Director of Operations, Agency for Persons with Disabilities**

- He distributed “How an Idea Becomes a Law” and the legislative update identifying how the legislature works, where they are in their work schedule and provided links to the House, Senate and The Florida Channel. He passed around a booklet identifying legislators and contact information.
- APDs Legislative Budget Request asked for \$230 million for increased services, which is a combination of a 60% Federal – 40% State contribution, \$56 million for new crisis enrollment, \$1.5 million for iConnect and \$120,000 for Next Generation-Questionnaire for Situational Information development (anticipated implementation in June/July 2021).
- NG-QSI will produce a more comprehensive needs document and eliminate the use of the Significant Additional Needs (SAN) process, which currently gives APD less budget predictability.
- APD considered input from stakeholders in the community on the iBudget redesign. Additional opportunities will be available before the legislators make their decision. Hard caps on budgets that do not currently exist in Florida’s iBudget, are now under consideration for approximately 85 people, along with managed care. Litigation and federal requirements affect APDs budget, along with increased service needs.
- The Social Services Estimating Conference consists of statisticians assisting Florida with projecting future need, identifying utilization and trends for predictability in costs. Mr. Lewis provided the link to Florida’s estimating conference information.
- Managed Care adopted by other states for individuals with disabilities struggles with the person-centered concept and ensuring that services offered are “medically necessary”.
- APD is examining the cost to enroll all waitlist individuals onto the Waiver.
- Mr. Lewis asked the group’s opinion on ideas for legislators focused on cost cutting. Two suggestions included reducing iBudgets of children who currently have more substantial budgets than adults, who would benefit from more hours of service to provide equity since they don’t receive services in school. The second was to require insurance providers operating in Florida to cover services for individuals with developmental disabilities, rather than public funds.

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Submitted by Ruth Wingate, FCCF Secretary