

**FAMILY CARE COUNCIL FLORIDA**  
**Patty Houghland, Chairperson**  
**March 17, 2018**  
**Embassy Suites, Orlando Airport**

**Members:**

Patty Houghland, FCCF Chair, FCC 1  
Pauline Lipps, Past Chair, Suncoast East - FCC 6  
Ruth Wingate, FCCF Secretary  
Paula James, FCCF Treasurer, Suncoast West - FCC 5  
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Susan Andersen Moore, FCC 7  
Patricia Oglesby, FCC 8  
Jean Malacko, FCC 9  
Marty Norris, FCC 10  
Sandy Ames, FCC 11  
Joseph Young, FCC 12  
Karen Huscher, FCC 13  
Lisa Lupi, FCC 15

**FCCF APD Liaison:** Stephanie Rogers

**Guests:**

Mark Higdon  
Jeannette Estes  
Fawn Moore  
DarLing Malacko  
Dan Bayley  
Hannah Moore  
John Patrick McGlone  
Gilda Pacheco  
Cristina Pacheco

**Speakers:**

Karen Hagan, Chief of Staff,  
Agency for Persons with Disabilities  
Tim Lloyd, Clinical Director, Bellwether  
Alisha Linton, The Arc of Florida  
Suzanne Sewell, Florida Association of  
Rehabilitation Facilities

Meeting called to order at: 8:40 a.m.

**Council Action and Committee/Member/Liaison Activity:**

- Moved by Sandy Ames, seconded by Patricia Oglesby to approve the January 19, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion passed.
- Moved by Sandy Ames, seconded by Paula James to approve the January 20, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion passed.
- Moved by Karen Huscher, seconded by Sandy Ames to accept the letter of resignation from Mary Smith as FCCF Chair. Motion passed.
- Moved by Pauline Lipps, seconded by Patricia Oglesby to approve Patty Houghland as FCCF Chair for the remainder of the fiscal year. Motion passed
- Received CAFÉ presentation committee report from February 23 and March 15, 2018.
- Received report from FCCF Treasurer Paula James.
- Accepted the nominating committee's report proposing the slate of FCCF officers for 2018-2019 from Karen Huscher. Nominated officers were Patty Houghland as Chair, Patricia Oglesby as Vice Chair, Ruth Wingate as Secretary and Paula James as Treasurer.
- Moved by Pauline Lipps, seconded by Betsy Hill to approve expenditure not to exceed \$350 for the purchase of an all-in-one color laser printer and toner for Council use. Motion passed.
- Moved by Sandy Ames, seconded by Patricia Oglesby to reallocate \$1,500 from profile booklet production to purchase materials for the June, 2018 CAFÉ presentation in Orlando. Motion passed.
- By consensus, \$350 allocated from the FICD account for June, 2018 CAFÉ presentation expenditures.
- FCCF 2018-2019 budget discussion moved to May, 2018 meeting.
- Area FCCs to order \$10.00 nametags from their local budget. Send member's name/county to Liaison Rogers at [stephanie.rogers@apdcares.org](mailto:stephanie.rogers@apdcares.org) by Friday, April 6 with a form she will send to FCC Chairs.

**Speaker Tim Lloyd, Clinical Director, Bellwether Behavioral Health at [lloyd@bellbh.com](mailto:lloyd@bellbh.com)**

- Discussed Bellwether's community-based group homes. Three homes currently operating, two licensed and one pending licensure. Located in central Florida.
- Moving from an institutional culture to community-based service model for those needing Behavior Focus Residential Habilitation or Intensive Behavioral Residential Habilitation.
- Anticipate they will assist more Floridians transition to community homes this year.

**Speaker Karen Hagan, Chief of Staff, Agency for Persons with Disabilities at [karen.hagan@apdcares.org](mailto:karen.hagan@apdcares.org) and Jeannette Estes, Acting Central Region Operating Manager at [jeannette.estes@apdcares.org](mailto:jeannette.estes@apdcares.org)**

- APD's HIPPA compliance plan is being instituted for the recent security breach. Letters sent to families and staff potentially affected include APD contact information to acquire codes for a year of free credit monitoring. Pauline Lipps will send a copy of the letter to FCC Chairs. A multi-factor authentication process has been instituted as mitigation.
- Budget highlights include \$41 million of recurring funds for provider rates, previously a non-recurring item and continuation budget for current waiver recipients. No additional funding was appropriated for wait list individuals. Funding is available to enroll individuals in crisis onto the waiver.
- Maintained funding for intensive behavior residential services at Carlton Palms, appropriated \$250,000 for a consultant to reevaluate APDs transportation business model, \$900,000 for supported employment services needed by wait list individuals, \$700,000 to support the new client data system iConnect, and over \$800,000 for information technology software to improve security of client data.
- Policy highlights: Nursing home and Assisted Living Facilities will receive in-ground generators to support temperature maintenance for health/welfare. Involuntary commitment bill did not pass, will be addressed next session. Medication administration passed, with training increased from 4 to 6 hours, and direct care providers can perform some medication routes previously done by registered nurses such as octic, topical and transdermal after validation by an RN or LPN trainer or physicians.
- Provided iBudget statistics. Currently implementing the iBudget rule (65G). Over 17,000 plans are being reviewed to determine if services are medically necessary and meet critical safety/health needs. Issued over 9,800 notices of iBudget amount. Address questions to Liaison Rogers at [stephanie.rogers@apdcares.org](mailto:stephanie.rogers@apdcares.org).
- Individual and Family Support Funds (IFS). Originates through federal social services block grant. Primarily used for non-waiver expenses, subject to available funding, accessed through oral or written request by families, waiver support coordinator or regional offices for benefit of individuals with a developmental disability identified in F.S. 393. Funding approved each fiscal year as recurring or non-recurring. Must be funding of last resort. Allowable services are life skills development, family services, medical/dental services, personal supports, residential habilitation, social services, specialized therapies, supported living/training, transportation and facilitative and rehabilitative services. Services must be medically necessary for the benefit of client.
- 1,380 wait list individuals received almost \$3 million of IFS money this fiscal year. Adult day training, residential habilitation and the employment enhancement project are top 3 services utilized.
- Foster care recruitment initiative was discussed. Update material is included on FCCF website. Members are asked to contact Liaison Rogers with corrections to these documents.
- 44 individuals have been transitioned from Carlton Palms into community homes, 12 moved to Bellwether foster homes. 118 individuals remain at Carlton Palms, with anticipated transition to homes before March, 2019. Enhanced Intensive Behavioral (EIB) homes should be available by July 1, 2018.

- Millions of dollars of Federal money is still available for damage from Hurricane Irma to individuals with a residence identified by FEMA as “major and destroyed”.

**Speaker Alicia Linton, The Arc of Florida, Dental Program Manager, [alisha@arcflorida.org](mailto:alisha@arcflorida.org)**

- CCIR (Career Counseling Information and Referral Training) was discussed. Federally required for individuals earning sub-minimum wages in sheltered workshops. They are hoping to train 2,000 individuals that must have this information. Training is based on work with attorney Johnathan Martinez regarding Self-Determination. Arc of Florida will reach out to FCC members and waiver support coordinators in Palm Beach, Miami/Dade and Tampa area for this training. Alicia Linton will notify Pauline Lipps at [p\\_lipps33@comcast.net](mailto:p_lipps33@comcast.net) of the training schedule. Tentatively scheduled for June in Tampa/Clearwater, August in Miami/Dade and September in Palm Beach.
- Discussed last year’s National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia three-day training in Texas. Attendees can train others using a PowerPoint they create, compiled from conference materials. Liaison Rogers will forward this link to members.
- Arc of Florida received a block of seats discounted from the usual \$400 cost for Registered Behavior Technician training (RBT). 118 have been trained to-date, with 130-150 total by June 30. EIB staff will be asked to start attending this training. Department of Children and Families Statewide project on Foster Care Recruitment has video training based on RBT curriculum and clinical provider positive behavior supports is rating the curriculum from a clinical prospective. Will be available for public view then foster parent training and retraining and in-service view, in three to five 25 minute videos. Will be posted on host websites and could include the FCCF website.
- Arc of Florida will hold their annual Self-advocacy conference at Cape San Blas on November 14, 15 and 16, 2018. Ms. Linton will notify Pauline if the conference has age restrictions or is by invitation only.
- The Arc of Florida dental program is now funded with \$3 million of recurring dollars from the legislature and has a network of over 300 dentists statewide. They serve both waiver and wait list individuals. Their appropriation covers approximately ¾ of the year, with supplements from APD when possible. This program serves 1,100 to 1,300 clients a year. The program is payer of last resort with information available at [arcdental.org](http://arcdental.org).

**Speaker Suzanne Sewell, President/CEO, Florida Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (FARF)**

Information related to FARF’s platform and the 2018 Legislative session included:

- Funding of \$22.6 million for rate increases for res hab, Adult Day Training and personal support service to reinstate 2003 rate cuts did not succeed, but will be revisited next year.
- Legislative proviso language was requested to avoid automatic rate cuts when funding is inadequate for Intermediate Care Facilities. FARF also requested a budget of \$266,002,163 to avoid a rate cut for these facilities. The budget was approved, but no proviso language.
- FARF supported funding at current levels for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and Early Steps (Part C). VR funds will remain constant and Early Steps will receive \$71 million.
- Request for resources/supports for provider agencies for hurricane preparedness and recovery was successful for building reinforcement, but not comprehensive support. A ratified rule now requires nursing homes/assisted living facilities to have generators. The emergency disaster planning bill did not pass.
- They support the individual’s right to choice in employment. FARF manages the contract for the [www.respect.florida](http://www.respect.florida) program, and provides enhanced employment supports. 84% are earning minimum wage or above, 80% are in integrated jobs.
- VR workers compensation bill was successful. Florida will fund the premiums on behalf of VR clients during on-the-job training placement and while employed.
- Language was strengthened regarding exploitation of elderly and disabled.

## **FCCF Reports:**

### **Developmental Disability Day**

- Paula James discussed participation at the Tallahassee Developmental Disability Day. 18 individuals, including herself and Patricia Oglesby travelled by bus with the group, met with 6 legislators, passed out contact information cards, booklets and treats, and worked the exhibit table. Denise Torres group also danced at the Florida event.

### **CAFÉ Presentation Committee**

- Patricia Oglesby, Chair, reviewed the progress of the committee for the FCCFs 3<sup>rd</sup> annual workshop/ booth at CAFE. They requested funds from FCCF budget to support this event.

### **FCCF 2018-2019 FCCF Officer Nominating Committee**

- Karen Huscher, Chair, presented the committee report nominating the FCCF Officers for the upcoming year.

### **DELMARVA Meeting**

- Pauline Lipps noted many support coordinator questions were answered at this last meeting, since Waiver support plans have increased from 5 to 14 pages. Delmarva has developed a “My Life”, “My Social Life” questionnaire due March 22 to formulate a new person-centered survey. She will send a copy of the new support plan, along with a resources/links sheet.

## **Area Updates:**

- Suncoast West is holding an event in Pasco County on March 22 for vendors and celebrating the FCC 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, with an anticipated 100 participants.
- Area 3 has reorganized their budget for year-end expenditures, and attended a weekend fair to provide community education.
- Area 13 is doing a mini-forum on a Tuesday evening from 5-8 p.m. titled “You Are Not Alone” at the Training Center to discuss perseverance and advocacy. Will be attending the Foster Care Initiative meeting. Guardian advocate fees can be waived in some areas, as possible in Area 13.
- Area 12 is forming a subcommittee to examine how to educate first responders, police, media and school systems regarding emergencies. Sandy Hook Promise was suggested as a resource for their work. Training at NOVA University on April 7 from 9 to 3:30 on “Kids Who Challenge Us”.
- Area 15 also attended DD day, but unable to meet with legislators as they were in session. They continue to participate in transition meetings and will hold an evening meeting discussing health care and other topics in a support group format.
- Area 10 will attend a Broward County community roundtable on March 22 at the NOVA legal center on legal matters. Members participate in many resource and transitional fairs in conjunction with other agencies. The community is exhibiting exceptional support after Parkland.
- Area 12 held elections, Joseph Young was elected Vice Chair and Co-Chair Chris Spears. Their liaison is assisting with membership recruitment.
- Area 8 distributed a flyer that identified a group of watercraft enthusiasts who provide individuals with disabilities a fishing or on-the-water experience, including lunch.
- Area 9 is attending transportation and respite meetings. They had a table at “Access Life” and will have a resource fair at the end of March on employment.
- Area 7 is now meeting at night, with new potential members attending, seeking information.
- Area 1 is attending transition fairs and mental health events. Will hold a casual event at a small brewery with food and beverages.
- Area 4 will host Barbara Palmer of APD as keynote at the “Connecting the Dots” event on April 18 and Leslie Richards will speak on the foster care initiative. They will hold an emergency preparedness conference on June 21. They are enrolling families to attend CAFÉ. Members attend a housing task force for affordable/accessible housing. Will consider evening meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Wingate, FCCF Secretary