

FAMILY CARE COUNCIL FLORIDA MINUTES – MAY 9, 2020

Members:

Patricia Oglesby, FCCF Chairperson, FCC 8
Dina Justice, FCCF Vice Chairperson, FCC 1
Ruth Wingate, FCCF Secretary
Paula James, FCCF Treasurer, Suncoast West (5)
Patty Houghland, FCCF Past Chair, FCC 1
Karen Prewitt, FCC 4
Pauline Lipps, Suncoast East (6)
Daniel Bayley, FCC 7
Jean Malacko, FCC 9
Marty Norris, FCC 10
Sandra Ames, FCC 11
Charlene Greene, FCC 12
Karen Huscher, FCC 13
Laura Tacinelli, FCC 14
Lisa Lupi, FCC 15

APD Liaison to FCCF:

Stephanie Rogers

Guests:

Ellyn Kulwin
Margie Garlin
Yolanda Herrera
Jeannette Estes
Denise Torres

Speakers:

Barbara Palmer, Agency for Persons
with Disabilities
David Dobbs, APD
Karen Hagan, APD
Lynne Daw, APD
Margaret Hooper, Florida
Developmental Disabilities
Council

The regular meeting of the Family Care Council Florida was held on Saturday, May 9 and called to order at 8:43 a.m. using “Go To Meeting” technology. A quorum was present.

Member Action/Committee Reports/Liaison Report

- Moved by Sandy Ames, seconded by Pauline Lipps to approve the FCCF minutes of March 6, 2020 as amended to replace the word “fee” with “tip” on page 1, bullet paragraph 1. Motion passed.
- Moved by Dina Justice, seconded by Paula James to approve the FCCF minutes of March 7, 2020 as presented. Motion passed.
- Moved by Jean Malacko, seconded by Paula James to approve the FCCF minutes of April 6, 2020 as presented. Motion passed.
- Moved by Sandy Ames, seconded by Marty Norris to print 1,000 FCCF brochures in Creole. Motion passed.
- Moved by Karen Huscher, seconded by Dina Justice to adopt the FCCF Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Spending Plan. Motion passed.
- 2020/2021 Officer Nominations Committee Chair Karen Huscher presented the slate. Nominations were called for from the floor. Hearing none, Karen Huscher volunteered herself to fill the upcoming vacancy for the Secretary position. With this revision of the slate, nominations from the floor were closed, the slate reread and the vote called. The roll was called with a quorum of 13 members present. Patricia Oglesby, Dina Justice, Paula James, Karen Prewitt, Pauline Lipps, Daniel Bayley, Jean Malacko, Marty Norris, Sandra Ames, Charlene Greene, Karen Huscher, Laura Tacinelli and Lisa Lupi voted aye to accept the slate as revised with zero nays. 2020/2021 FCCF officers are: Dina Justice-Chairperson, Paula James-Vice Chairperson, Karen Huscher-Secretary and Pauline Lipps-Treasurer.
- Sandy Ames, Chairperson of the CAFÉ Committee requested pictures and dialog for the FCCF video presentation be sent immediately to Dina Justice. An online workshop

catalog will be available from CAFÉ, followed by a printed catalog. CAFÉ presentations will be on YouTube. Next CAFÉ Committee meeting will be Friday, May 15. Contact Sandy Ames to receive the link for this meeting.

- Council received the current FY 2019-2020 Expenditure Report presented by Treasurer Paula James.
- Council received the APD conference call notes of March 23, 2020.
- Members discussed their activities and outreach to groups in their community and use of online or conference call technology for meetings.
- Liaison Stephanie Rogers discussed possible changes to the upcoming FCCF Spending Plan and local FCC orders for banners/tablecloths prior to year-end.

APD Director Barbara Palmer discussed iConnect respite provider training and introduced APD staff for reports.

Speaker Lynne Daw of APD discussed the “COVID-19 Guidance for Providers and Waiver Support Coordinators” document found on the apdcares.org website.

- She reviewed APD’s emergency order, Federal Waiver Flexibility Requests, Florida’s 1135 Waiver Request Summary, the Florida Federal Appendix K Waiver Request Summary, Telemedicine, scenarios to guide providers, APD Licensed Group/Foster Home Health Protocols, Guidelines for Cleaning and Disinfecting APD Group/Foster Homes/Supported Living and Behavioral Strategies.
- An Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) emergency rule forbids returning hospitalized COVID-19 patients to their group home until they test negative twice.

Speaker David Dobbs of APD discussed:

- Coordination with Florida and Federal Agencies such as AHCA, the Surgeon General, Department of Children and Families and the Governor’s Office,
- Florida legislative budget allocations, including funding APD multi-year deficits,
- SB 82 changes to the Significant Additional Needs process, now centralized at APD and the new Waiver Support Coordination requirements starting in July 1, 2021,
- Creation of a new Intermediate Care Facility choice for individuals or their guardian, serving those with severe maladaptive behaviors

Speaker Karen Hagan of APD discussed:

- Coordination with other State agencies and nonprofits to address issues,
- Testing availability in all counties including 15 Florida drive-through and walkup sites, with one mobile capability. Next phase will include serology/antibodies testing initiated in Orlando and Jacksonville for 1st responders and healthcare workers,
- APD consumers, providers and staff Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needs reporting to State EOC and Emergency Management for allocation of resources, and APD thanks to Area 13 for their creation/donation of masks,
- Revision to shelter planning for APD clients regarding COVID-19 for the upcoming hurricane season.

Speaker Margaret Hooper from the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council discussed:

- FDDC positions on Florida’s best practice guidelines for individuals with disabilities on care rationing, lobbying for 0% reduction of iBudget services and partnering with Disability Rights Florida to create the supported decision-making initiative bill next year.
- Bills not passed this year were: 1) restraint and seclusion pilot using cameras, 2) independent living task force designating urban housing for individuals with disabilities,

3) sensitivity training stripped from the Transportation Disadvantaged bill, along with the Ride-Away program 4) student elopement, 5) expanding Florida definition of Developmental Disabilities to match Federal language, 6) universal changing tables and 7) initiation of a Purple Alert for individuals with autism/cognitive disabilities for drowning and traffic danger.

- 1) Vocational Rehabilitation's requirement for statewide standardized transition services for pre-employment, 2) SB82, including the deletion of solo support coordination and amended SAN process after July 1, 2021 and 3) voluntary addition of a "D" designation on driver's license legislation was passed.
- FDDC supported the legislature's budget increase in provider rates along with funding two years of APD deficits.
- FDDC emerging needs include provider shortages during statewide emergencies. Ms. Hooper requested members email her about provider shortages and experiences during COVID-19.

No citizens signed up for public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Submitted by Ruth Wingate, FCCF Secretary ###