

Family Care Council Florida  
Friday, January 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE: QUORUM PRESENT

COUNCILS: Dina Justice-Area 1, Patty Houghland-Area 1, Denise Torres-Area 4, Paula James-Area 5, Pauline Lipps-Area 6, Patricia Oglesby-Area 8, Marty Norris-Area 10, Sandra Ames-Area 11, Charlene Green-Area 12, Karen Huscher-Area 13, Melody Hearn-Area 15

COUNCILS ABSENT: Area 2, Area 3, Area 7, Area 9, Area 14

APD STAFF: David Dobbs, Clarence Lewis, Karen Hagan, Melanie Eppers, JP Bell and State Liaison Stephanie Rogers

GUESTS: Ruth Wingate-Area 15, Joanne R -Area 6

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dina Justice called the meeting to order at 3:11pm.

MINUTES REVIEW/APPROVAL: see motions below.

BUDGET REPORT/REVIEW:

Treasurer's report was accepted as stated. No Action taken.

MOTIONS: A motion was called forth by Paula James to accept the agenda, seconded, motion passed.

A motion was called forth by Paula James to accept the 11/6/2020 minutes, seconded. Motion passed.

Sandra Ames brought forth motion to accept 11/7/2020 minutes with corrections, seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was called forth by Sandra Ames to accept 12/17/2020 minutes with correction, seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was called forth by Paula James to hold over to 1/9/21 agenda discussion and decisions on FDIC, seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was called forth by Sandra Ames to increase email contract budget to \$45.00 per month, seconded. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Sending of postcards, new stories to all legislators and local council chairs to distribute and post on social media.

- b. Possibly mail a more detailed letter to Governor as followup to letter mailed on FCCF position on vaccines and our developmentally disabled population.

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Legislative committee presented update to the Council. Paula James discussed the timelines of campaign. Reported on statistics on website, toolkit and update on buttons and postcards. Discussion on need to increase email capture budget.

Patty Houghland spoke of pressing needs of FDIC. Held over to 1/9/21 meeting.

Chief of Staff David Dobbs led discussion and answered questions along with Clarence Lewis, John Bell, Melanie Ethers and Karen Hagan. Each of these speakers presented information on current topics of interest to FCCF and the local councils. The topics this meeting included legislative calendar for upcoming session, recurring and non-recurring budget areas, house and senate bills. Again, went over the state's pandemic response along with APD, to clients and staff, including testing, visits, PPE, ADTs and Emergency Orders involving COVID-19. Also advised about vaccine rollout and change in company in charge. Lastly, update on EVV system was given.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dina Justice adjourned meeting at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Huscher  
FCCF Secretary

Family Care Council Florida  
Saturday, January 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE: QUORUM PRESENT

COUNCILS: Dina Justice-Area 1, Patty Houghland-Area 1, Denise Torres-Area 4, Paula James-Area 5, Pauline Lipps-Area 6, Susan Anderson Moore-Area 7, Patricia Oglesby-Area 8, Jean Malacko-Area 9, Marty Norris-Area 10, Sandra Ames-Area 11, Charlene Green-Area 12, Karen Huscher-Area 13, Laura Tacinelli-Area 14, Melody Hearn-Area 15

COUNCILS ABSENT: Area 2, Area 3

APD STAFF: State Liason Stephanie Rogers

GUESTS: Ruth Wingate-Area 15 Maryann Sera-Area 7, Tosha Littles-Area 14

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dina Justice called the meeting to order at 8:33am.

MOTIONS: A motion was called forth by Paula James to accept the agenda, with additions, seconded, motion passed. A motion was called forth by Denise Torres to accept amended agenda, seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was called forth by Denise Torres to accept the recommendations of Bylaw Committee with additional corrections, seconded. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Dina will mail chairs information on FIDC.
- b. Legislator email list to be revised.
- c. Bylaws will be corrected and added to DropBox.
- d. Family Café presentation to be sent.
- e. Add email to homepage, can request pictures and web banners.
- f. Nominating committee to meet and present slate at March 2021 meeting.
- g. Reach out to Senator Bean and/or staff.
- h. Add necessary items to Dropbox.

Chair was unable to reach citizen, who had requested to speak at November 2020 meeting. Was held over to today's agenda and now can be closed. If citizen requests time again, will be a new agenda item at future meeting.

Discussion was held, continued from 1/8/21 meeting, on need for a council member, not necessarily a chair, to take over the FIDC.

Speaker Tony DePalma, Director of Public Policy, Disability Rights Florida presented a workshop on Restraint and Seclusion. All material from this presentation will be forwarded after meeting to be added to Dropbox.

Speaker Margaret Hooper, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, Florida Development Disabilities Council, gave the Council an updated overview of the upcoming legislative session. Spoke about advocating in a virtual world.

The established committees, Bylaws, Legislative, Marketing and Community outreach, presented their committee work to the entire Council. As noted above, motion was voted on in reference to committee recommendations. Each committee was tasked with further actions to take. Need for nominating committee established by Chair; to present slate at March 2021.

Area Council Updates: See separate list in Dropbox for Area updates.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dina Justice adjourned meeting at 3:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Huscher  
FCCF Secretary