

Family Care Council Florida  
Friday, July 16, 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 Andersen Moore-Area 7, Patricia Oglesby-Area 8, Jean Malacko-Area 9, Marty Norris-Area 10, Sandra Ames-Area 11, Charlene Greene-Area 12, Karen Huscher-Area 13, Laura Tacinelli-Area 14, Ellyn Kulwin-Area 15

COUNCILS ABSENT: Area 2, Area 3

APD STAFF: State Liaison Stephanie Rogers, Lori Gelhart, Penny Bos, Karen Hagen, David Dobbs, Clarence Lewis, Lynne Daw, Kaleema Muhammad, Melanie Etters.

GUESTS: Ruth Wingate, Yolanda Herrera, Karla Herrera, Hannah Moore, Karen Flowers, Diane Ciccarelli, Adrienne Dissis

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dina Justice called the meeting to order at 3:13pm. MINUTES

REVIEW/APPROVAL: see motions below

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

A motion was called forth by Paula James to accept 5/7/21 minutes with correction, seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was called forth by Patricia Oglesby to accept 5/8/21 minutes, seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was called forth by Marty for FCCF to pay 9/14/21 hotel cost and per diem meals for Dina Justice, seconded. Motion passed.

BUDGET REPORT/REVIEW:

Treasurer's report was accepted as stated. Discussion of costs for Summit. Verified by call to Joe McCann. Motion passed in reference to Chair's travel 9/14/21, see above in Motions.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

1. Send photos to Dina of local council activities for social media and marketing. Remember to have proper release consents.
2. Newly appointed committees schedule meeting and prepare report for upcoming September 2021 FCCF meeting.
3. Developmental Disabilities Day is January 26, 2022. Discuss with local councils and get approximate number of folks planning to attend. Get figures to Paula James as she is planning bus and hotel reservations.

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Paula James again updated the Council on FIDC. Discussion of monies in bank, and expenses since last meeting and current balance of FCCF funds, \$724.54, the rest is earmarked Area 4 funds. Disaster Planning Summit information distributed to council.

Legislative committee gave roundup of Family Café activities. Hannah Moore was a superstar! Discussed positives to bring forward to future Family Cafes. Bringing FCC's to life through logo recognition was major hit. The rest of committee updates was moved to Saturday's meeting.

APD Chief of Staff David Dobbs and staff (as noted above) presented APD updates. SB 82 as law 7/1/2021 presented by Lynne Daw. Information on scorecards, compliance, & training was presented and discussed.

Scorecards were not developed with input from FCCs. Developed by APD program staff.

Answered query about FCC appointments, in the Governor's appointment office.

Discussion on monies from federal government possibly use as bonuses to direct staff, need long term solution. Lori Gelhart presented on Hurricane Preparedness, toolkit on APD website, see PowerPoint presentation.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dina Justice adjourned meeting at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Huscher  
FCCF Secretary

Family Care Council Florida  
Saturday, July 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE: QUORUM PRESENT

COUNCILS: Dina Justice-Area 1, Patty Houghland-Area 1, Denise Torres-Area 4, Tina Ciecierski-Area 5, Pauline Lipps-Area 6, Susan Anderson Moore-Area 7, Patricia Oglesby-Area 8, Jean Malacko-Area 9, Marty Norris-Area 10, Karla Herrera-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 Liaison Stephanie Rogers

GUESTS: Maryann Sarra, Hannah Moore, Karen Flowers, Ruth Wingate, Ellen Kulwin, Yolanda Herrera, Diane Ciccarelli, Adrienne Dissis, Penny Bos-APD, Ginger Manley-FND, Tyler Sununu-FARF, Chris LeBlanc- Eyetech Digital Systems

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dina Justice called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

MOTIONS: A motion was called forth by Patricia Oglesby to accept the agenda, with addition of Continuation of Committee Updates, seconded, motion passed.

AREA UPDATES: See separate list in Dropbox for this month's Area updates.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Request the sending of pictures of local council activities to Dina Justice to update brochures and social media.
2. Committees to meet and bring reports to September 2021 meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE UPDATES (continued)

Marketing-Dina Justice stated the transition to and establishing of business accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Need to update pictures on social media and brochures, send to Dina. Discussed upcoming ADA anniversary, 7/21 and DD day, 1/26/22. Questions about timelines in reference to inquires or questions via Navigator or social media. Answer is there is no set timeline in writing.

New fiscal year, new committee assignments:

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| <b>Bylaws</b>   | <b>Community Outreach</b> | <b>Legislative</b> |
| Karen Huscher   | Charlene Greene           | Paula James        |
| Pauline Lipps   | Susan Andersen Moore      | Marty Norris       |
| Tina Ciecierski | Denise Torres             | Dina Justice       |
|                 | (Marty Norris)            |                    |
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- Marketing**  
Patty Houghland  
Dina Justice

Committees to meet and present report at September meeting.

Speaker, Penny Bos- APD Quality Assurance, working on new tools in APD toolbox. Using data from ER's to see trends in abuse and neglect. Also working on abuse & neglect training, with APD staff, and DSP in the field. When can pullout the data from ER and hospital admissions, helps fillin the big picture leading to new methodology. Discussion on HIIPA and permissions to gather private medical information. Legislators again suggesting institutionalization of our Developmental Disabilities population,thus need for gathering this abuse & neglect data. See PowerPoint.

Speaker Ginger Manley-Family Network on Disabilities ("FND"), spoke about Parent Training & Information centers (PTI). FND helps families across Florida. FND operates 3 different PTI programs in different regions of Florida; POPIN, PSN and PEN and also FAMILY STAR. Focus is families connecting with families who are traveling the same journey by support, networking and mentoring. FND has new website, in various languages. Other topics of discussion included Network w/Dads and pooledtrust. See PowerPoint.

Speaker, Tyler Sununu-CEO FARF, spoke on his first 100 days in office. Learning how to solve problems amidst incredible challenges with hiring crisis and DSP pay. Limited information about additional federal monies. APD doesn't understand that bonuses will not keep DS staff. Other jobs are paying more. Need a living wage. Discussion on promoting the individual and helping providers stay in business. FARF focus on managing contracts and policy and procedures. Keep families aware and in turn, will vocalize concerns and educate legislators on crisis.

### **BEST PRACTICES-** led by Denise Torres

Discussion on various topics and need for statewide practices. Topics included Guardianship, ADTs, APD waitlist, resource numbers, ARC FL scholarships, and Eldercare. How do families and individuals find their local FCC councils?

### **CITIZEN TIME:**

Chris LeBlanc of Eyetech Digital Systems presented how his company brings assistance technology to people using their vision. Uses various types of durable medical equipment and software. Has teamed up with FFAST.

Yolanda Herrera, facilitator CDC+ Miami, spoke on need to start grassroots group in reference to 8% of budget taken off the top of consumers on CDC+. Originally was to be put back into budget after pilot was expanded to include the whole state. Need to spread the word. Discussion on APD and need to explain this administrative cost. Many questions need to be answered.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Dina Justice adjourned meeting at 4:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Huscher  
FCCF Secretary