

Family Care Council Florida  
September 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE: QUORUM PRESENT

COUNCILS: Dina Justice-Area 1, Patty Houghland-Area 1, Lou Ogburn-Area 2, Denise Torres-Area 4, Paula James-Area 5, Pauline Lipps-Area 6, Jean Malacho-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 3, Area 7

APD STAFF: State Liason Stephanie Rogers

GUESTS: Ruth Wingate

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dina Justice called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

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 Patty Houghland to accept the July 7, 2020 minutes, seconded. Motion passed. A motion was called forth by Patty Houghland to accept the August 11, 2020 minutes, seconded. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Committees to bring back first reports to the full Council at 11/2020 meeting.
- b. Karen Huscher to send email re: Bylaws review interval.
- c. Paula James continue on preparations for DD Day 2021.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Dina Justice opened discussion on need for establishing committees in order to help move work of Council continuously forward. Committees were established as follows; Bylaws, Legislative, Marketing, Community Outreach, Advisory. Have 2-3 members on each committee. Committees are to research and bring information back, (they are strictly fact finding), on their specific

area, to the full Council each meeting. Chairs were selected for each committee.

Bylaws review due 1/20/2021.

APD Director Barbara Palmer led discussion and answered questions along with APD staff, Clarence Lewis, David Dobbs and Lynn T. Each speaker presented information on current topics of interest to FCCF and the local councils. The topics this month included iConnect. Emergency Orders regarding APD and COVID-19. They outlined specific types of visitors in APD group homes. They are essential visitors/workers, compassionate visitors/workers, and general visitors/workers. Reopening of ADT's and licensed facilities needing to develop policy and procedures was also discussed. It was stressed it is imperative to develop a relationship with your legislators locally, bring your family member or other person with developmental disabilities to meet legislators and make their story real.

Jim DeBeaugrine, Acting CEO ARC of Florida, also spoke to the Council. He gave a detailed account of his journey through the world of developmental disabilities to his current position with ARC. Stated he sees the budget as the most important focus in the upcoming legislative session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dina Justice adjourned meeting at 8:34p.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Huscher  
FCCF Secretary