

**Family Care Council
District 12**

Thursday, May 14, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christine Pinto, Chair
Phil Pearson, Treasurer
Linda Peterson
Susan Tanner
Kamal Samar
Debra Scotece-Brown

STAFF & GUEST PRESENT

Edwin DeBardeleben, Area Administrator
Vanessa Carter, APD
Sandra Mills, AQL
Jimmy Perrin
Jim King, ARC
Rosemarie Revoir
Anita Martin
Eddie Willis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sylvia Danese
Irene Gallo

Meeting Minutes

I. ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM. Roll call established a quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Member K. Samar made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Member Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

NEXT MAILING:

Discussion on the next FCC mailing to formulate a questionnaire to families to find out where they are, what FCC should be working on, and inquire about advocacy issues. Ed DeBardeleben suggested a questionnaire for the waiver consumers and one for people on the wait list. Vanessa suggested using open and closed ended questions to ensure better responses. Also, include a section for people to write in questions to ask legislatures. Jim suggested indicating on the front of the newsletter there is a questionnaire inside.

Phil commented he would like to see the newsletters going to the legislatures also. Christina commented she sent copies of the last newsletter to legislatures. It was reported by Sandra Mills less than ten newsletters were returned from the last mailing. Phil will also add a request to newsletter for people to send him their e-mail address.

Phil made a motion to set aside \$1,000.00 for the next mailing to include the questionnaire and the return postage required; seconded, by Debra Scotece-Brown.

Jim King would like to share information from ARC through the FCC website, newsletter, and community connector. Phil motioned, Christina seconded.

Newsletter information needs to get to APD at least one month prior to send out. i.e. Get to APD by May 15 to send out in first of June.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE

Phil discussed his feedback from Jim DeBeugirine, APD director, Martha Martinez, Area 10 Administrator, and workgroup on suggestions to APD how to handle people on the wait list. Copies of the suggestions and feedback were shared and reviewed.

The Council discussed meeting with Dwayne Taylor, local state representative, to share concerns of people and families with disabilities. Council would like Dwayne Taylor to attend a local FCC meeting. The purpose is to make the Council more known to state representatives. Phil would like to see Council members partnered with legislators in the future.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

CREATION OF TWO COMMITTEES

Assessment Questionnaire Committee: Christina would like to form a committee to develop the questionnaire to be sent out as part of the June/July newsletter. The questionnaire would be self addressed and stamped for return to FCC. To help facilitate the development of the questionnaire APD can help to facilitate conference calls or people can get together using the online chat through the FCC website. Jim will forward some surveys to Christina for committee to use as part of development of the questionnaire. Christina asked who would like to be a part of the committee. Debra, Kay, Christina, and Rosemarie volunteered to be the committee. Jim is available as a consultant. Questionnaire should be completed by June 10 and sent to Phil for insert into newsletter.

Legislative Committee: Christina is hoping to have a legislative forum in Flagler County in October. She would like to form a committee of 2-3 people. Debra, Rosemarie, Kay, Christina and Phil will be on the committee. Jim is available as a consultant.

For both committees meeting schedule will be sent out via e-mail and posted on the website. Live chat, e-mail, and conference call methods can be used.

AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES UPDATE:

Ed gave an update on APD. The legislative session ended in May and he is going to Tallahassee next week for directives on the next fiscal year. People on the waitlist will begin to have QSI reviews. The order of selection is crisis, foster care, families who can no longer care for disabled family member. No service cuts identified for providers only administrative cuts for state employees.

People on the waiver will begin the three year cost plan process effective July 1, 2009. Once policies and procedures are fully established he will share with the Council. The CDC +

program will be offered to people in the family home and Supported Independent Living. This will allow people to have greater control over their budgets.

The Coverage and Limitations Handbook is being revised and Edwin DeBardeleben is part of the work group. The book will be user friendly and training for providers will be addressed.

Hearing requests due to rebasing or denied requests can be appealed to a higher court and have their court deeds waived. A request must be done in writing and indicate the person has a disability to get the court costs waived.

There is a need for intensive behavior and focus homes. There is an initiative to address forensic and intensive behavior and to get new providers.

Rebasing means people who don't maximize cost plans for the fiscal year will have their cost plan reduced by 5%. Rebasing will be done again this summer for the new cost plan year.

BURDEN BASKET

At the beginning of the meetings attendees will be able write questions and concerns. The questions will be put into the burden basket then addressed toward the end of the meeting.

TRAINING

Christina: what would be helpful for individuals and families, how to meet with legislators, Phil would like to see the police to give a talk to families, maybe tom Freeman can come and educate on behaviors, and Phil would like to have a WSC's to donate time to visit people on wait list.

BUDGET

Budget for this year: motion to transfer \$1,000 to State council, Phil motioned, and Christina seconded. At the next meeting they should discuss how to spend the money during the next fiscal year.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

5:08 meeting adjourned. Phil motioned, seconded by Christina.