

**AREA 12
Family Care Council**

Chair Philip Pearson

**Agency for Persons with Disabilities
210 N. Palmetto Avenue, Suite 312
Daytona Beach, Florida
November 13, 2008**

Draft Summary Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	STAFF & GUEST PRESENT:
Phil Pearson, Chair	Sandra Mills, APD
Sylvia Danese	Shirley Bostick, APD
Linda Peterson	Jimmy Perrin
Susan Tanner	Anita Martin
Kay Samar	Rosemary Revoir
	Maria L. Ritz
	Debra Bowers

▪ **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 P.M.

▪ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of the October meeting minutes was delayed. Sandra Mills will be compiling and forwarding her notes from the meeting to Chair Pearson for inclusion in the meeting minutes. Chair Pearson reported that one of the most important things done at the meeting was to go over his talk with Representative Proctor who pointed out that there needs to be a consistent message when speaking with local Legislators.

The following items will be included into the October minutes:

- Organize group meetings when speaking with Legislators.
- Chair Pearson gave a presentation to the Flagler ARC

▪ **OLD BUSINESS:**

• **Next Mailing**

Member Danese expressed concern that Area Office did not have current mailing information for individuals being served as well as those on the waitlist. The group home in which her family member resides reports that they have not been receiving the monthly newsletter. Sandra Mills explained that support coordinators are keepers of the central record and are responsible for going into the ABC system and ensuring that the information is current and correct. Sandra

advised that individuals and their guardians should ask for print-outs of the ABC data screens that contain mailing information and demographics. Consumers and legal guardians have the right to view their central records to ensure that the information contained is correct.

Member Martin asked that this be included in the next newsletter as people are unaware of the fact that they have a right to access their central records.

Chair Pearson reported receiving articles from Debra Brown and Member Samar about their meeting with Evelyn Lynn to be included in the newsletter. Chair Pearson advised that he could still use more articles for the newsletter. Chair Pearson also reported he had gotten permission to re-print and include in the newsletter articles from Susan Crumb a psychiatrist working with individuals with developmental disabilities. There has also been discussion of having her present at one of the Family Care Council meetings.

- **Recommendations for libraries – book purchase**

There are no recommended at this time.

- **Recommended Providers**

There are no recommendations at this time.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Legislative Initiative**

Chair Pearson reported that the Florida Family Care Council is meeting this weekend. Representative Proctor will be attending the January meeting to advise heads of the Family Care Councils about what is needed to get the attention of Legislators. There are fifty-thousand families with developmental disabilities that if descended on the Legislator's would have to do something. The impression that the Legislators get is that when no-one shows up or asks for anything it that there isn't a need and nobody cares. Chair Pearson stressed the need to develop a message, graphs and notes etc. that can presented when speaking with Legislators. Chair Pearson encouraged not only individual with developmental disabilities and their families to become involved but also friends.

- **FCC Functions**

Chair Pearson spoke about the purpose of the Family Care Council. He advised that although the local council does assist in providing information and outreach to families and meets and shares information with other local family care councils the council does not review the effectiveness of program implementation nor advise the agency (APD) with respect to policy issues relevant to the community and family support system in the local area. Chair Pearson asked for suggestions on how to successfully accomplish these functions. The following suggestions were recorded:

- Survey individuals that are receiving services and their families
- Review and provide feedback on the wait-list procedure
- Review and provide feedback on training in the group homes
- Review and provide feedback on the procedure to update the mailing lists

Sandra Mills will provide a copy of the procedure for background screenings.

- **Preparing for FCC elections**

Chair Pearson advised elections for vacant positions in the Family Care council are being held next month. He added that he will be stepping down as Chair and volunteered to act as treasurer. Nominations can be made via phone and email. Chair Pearson went on to explain the duties of the Chair.

- **New Member Application**

The council voted to accept the application of Ms. Debra Scotece-Brown and the motion carried.

- **APD update**

APD has contracted with Dr. Marty Beach to assist in developing an on-line area to give families more information about the Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI). Sandra will forward the QSI training link to Chair Pearson.

- **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Member Samar spoke about the importance of informing individuals and their families of when a provider is being terminated.

- **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.