

AREA 12
Family Care Council

Chair Philip Pearson

Agency for Persons with Disabilities
210 N. Palmetto Avenue, Suite 312
Daytona Beach, Florida
September 11, 2008

Draft Summary Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Phil Pearson, Chair
Sylvia Danese
Anita Martin
Susan Tanner
Kay Samar

STAFF & GUEST PRESENT:

Ed De Bardeleben, APD
Sandra Mills, APD
Shirley Bostick, APD
Aleeshaia Danner, APD
Carl Warner
Debra Scotece-Brown

▪ **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. Chair Pearson asked everyone present to review the agenda and let him know if they wanted to add anything to it.

▪ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chair Pearson motioned to approve the April meeting minutes, seconded by Member Samar. The motion passed.

▪ **OLD BUSINESS:**

• **Next Mailing**

Chair Pearson advised that copies of the newsletter had been emailed to everyone therefore he did not bring copies to the meeting. There were some grammatical changes. Everyone was encouraged to read the newsletter and e-mail him any changes or additions.

• **Recommendations for libraries – book purchase**

Chair Pearson announced that he would be going to ARC to do some P.R. as they are unaware of the books that were donated to the Volusia and Flagler county libraries.

• **Recommended Providers**

A discussion ensued regarding providers to recommend for the FCC website. Chair Pearson advised that if an individual recommends a provider, and is willing to accept phone calls from families the recommendations would be posted to the website.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Budget**

The Family Care Council receives a budget of \$9,500 each fiscal year. Chair Pearson reported asking if the newsletter was worth spending \$3,000.00 and receiving feedback that that it was. At the end of each fiscal year the council usually turns money back over to the state that could be used for advocating. The council needs to brainstorm and figure out how to utilize all of the funds. Ms. Scotece-Brown asked APD for suggestions. Sandra Mills suggested that the council pay to bring in guest speakers. Mr. De Bardeleben commended Chair Pearson on the newsletter and added that the council look at the longevity as Chair Pearson may not want to sustain the newsletter. He suggested that the council propose, to the FCCF, a centralized newsletter from all areas. A specific amount of the respective budget can be allocated to pay for the news letter. Member Denene thought it was a good idea as she would like to know what other areas were doing. Chair Pearson advised that he will bring it up at the FCCF meeting being held next week.

Chair Pearson presented 2008-2009 budget. He has it set it up wherein less money will be turned back over to the state. The current budget supports travel to meetings, travel to speak with Legislators, supplies, clerical support, newsletter costs, etc. **Member Samar motioned to approve the 2008-2009 proposed budget seconded by Member Danese. The motion passed.**

- **Presentation at Flagler ARC**

Chair Pearson reported attending a meeting at Flagler ARC. He noted that they are not as involved as the Volusia ARC. He will be giving a presentation next month introducing them to and educating them on the role of the Family Care Council

- **Adult Education**

Chair Pearson reported on his findings with regards to adult education. DBCC used to support the program but because of cut backs had to stop. UCP got bids but did not hire the teachers back so had to cut back. Chair Pearson made an appointment with the Dean of Adult Education and pointed him to the Flagler Adult Education program. Flagler has adult education classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

- **Legislative Initiative**

After two-years of putting together a newsletter and maintaining a website there is a need for a legislative initiative. Chair Pearson referred everyone to the attachment of candidates running for office in Volusia and Flagler counties. He urged everyone to contact these candidates and find out where they stand on funding the medwaiver. Chair Pearson asked for a summary of each candidate's responses so that he may include them on the website so people will know where candidates on the issues before the election. Mr. De Bardeleben advised of the upcoming legislative session in March. The council needs to start thinking about its position and meeting with legislators. They are looking at additional budget short falls so it is very important that the Council's voice be heard prior to and even during the legislative session.

- **Review of FCC Plan**

Member Tanner motioned to approve the Family Care Council Proposed Family Support Plan as written seconded by Member Samar. The motion carried.

- **Preparing for FCC elections**

Chair Pearson advised that the FCC will be having elections in December and that we should consider having a Co-chair. The treasurer position is currently vacant.

- **APD update**

Sandra Mills reported on the upcoming LENS conference being held from October 21st – 23rd. UCP will be hosting the 3-day event wherein focus groups will go out into to community to see what resources are out there. There are 6-focus areas to include education, health care, recreation, leisure and transportation. This project is being done statewide. Anyone interested in participating may contact Ms. Mills by email or get with her at the end of the meeting.

Mr. DeBardeleben reported that notices were send to individuals regarding tier assignments to take effect November 1st. The Agency is receiving requests for re-consideration and appeals. The support coordinator should be meeting with the individuals and families regarding their cost-plans to keep within their tier assignments.

- **ADJOURNMENT:**

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