

**FAMILY CARE COUNCIL AREA 12 MEETING Minutes**

Christina Pinto-member, not present	Kamal Samar – member, <b>present</b>
Phil Pearson- member, <b>present</b>	Debra Scotece-Brown – member, <b>present</b>
Sylvia Danese – member, not present	Susan Tanner – member, not present
Linda Peterson – member, not present	Irene Gallo- member, not present
<b>GUESTS</b>	
Fred Azua, Jr - guest	Rosemary Revoir – guest
Marion Browning - guest	Woodie Ryan – guest
Karl Martin - guest	

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

**Roll call:** Phil Pearson, K. Samar – Present. No quorum present

Ed reviewed the voting process. Email and phone voting are acceptable as long as it's made public. Votes are to be of record and sent to the APD FCC liaison for record keeping. It was discussed the efforts to gather membership has not been successful. Many people have not heard about the council and are leery about sharing their information without any knowledge of what the council is about.

The council has not been active for some months. Woodie Ryan became involved with the council. She was trying to assist in getting the council up and running and build membership. She came from Area 4 where she was very involved. She said she was trying to facilitate the council not circumvent it. Ed apologized for any misunderstandings in regards to her position with the council. He noted he was impressed with her trying to revive the council and empower it. It was clarified anyone wanting to be a member has to submit an application and be appointed by the governor.

Woody: She said she wants to empower to the council to help members to be independent advocates. She asked what do you the members want to do as a group for the council. She said, we are here for the people. She feels a one to one with local representatives have caused changed in the lives of her and her son. It makes it personal when you meet with them.

Phil: He stated he has been around for several years and has seen the attempts to try to grow the council. There are different areas Deland, Flagler, Deltona, and Daytona. Gas is an issue and the people in Flagler don't want to drive to the other areas. He wants to discuss the expenditure of funds to be divided between Flagler and Volusia. Ed pointed out that the council will need to decide where the money is spent. Separation will prevent them from having a common goal. Karl suggested the council don't split to prevent divide and use the phone as access to meet if distance is the issue.

Meeting times were discussed. Does the council want to keep the same time or change it to other times? A proposal to meet 6 times a year can be made for voting by the council. Then subcommittee meetings could be held on the alternate council meeting months.

- FRED AZUA – application submitted, son on the waitlist. He meets qualification. Potential conflict because he sits on the board as treasurer of ARC of Flagler County. They are a 501C 3 company.
- WOODIE RYAN – application submitted son receiving services. She meets qualification. She also sits on the board of the disability council.
- KARL MARTIN – application submitted, brother on waiting list. He meets qualifications.

- Sandra to check with Central office to clarify the definition of an agency for purposes of the FCC appointment and any potential conflict since Fred and Woodie are members of other boards connected with APD.

**PHIL AND KAY WOULD LIKE TO RUN FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR.** Sandra is to send out emails to all the voting members, post all positions, and open for others not present to submit to run. She will also post who is nominated for each position. Phil will write a letter to resign as treasurer. No nominees for vice chair. **DEBRA S.-BROWN NOMINATION FOR TREASURER.**

- Woodie shared the strategies that have transpired over the past couple of months. People met in DeLand to discuss how to contact families and individuals to build membership. They received names and contact information from Support Coordinators who contacted their consumers to find out if they could share their information. They found many people did not know about the council or who they were calling them or why. They have decided to hold off contacting people until after the BBQ. Karl is willing to assist with developing a database for the council. Karl has looked into using GOOGLE, and internet search engine, to set up a phone number for people to call into and leave messages for council members to access and return calls to people to answer questions. They talked about developing a resource book to EMPOWER families to help themselves. The current brochure was to be re-worded to present the council is to EMPOWER people, not do for them. Mrs. Browning suggested to have the barbeque annually to pull people in and distribute information to individuals and families.
- **MEMBERS NEED TO CONSIDER FOR THE NEXT MEETING:** Chair, vice-chair, treasurer, and approval to submit the applications to send to the governor.
- Ed gave agency update regarding the status of people served and on the waitlist in Area 12. As of May 2011 Area 12 serves 1,442 people. 948 are on the waiver, 494 are on the waitlist.
  - Flagler County: serves a total of 162 people; 99 people on the waiver and 63 people on the waitlist.
  - Volusia County: serves a total of 1,280 people; 849 people on the waiver and 431 people on the waitlist.
  - Statewide: APD serves 50,225 people; 29,949 people on the waiver and 20,276 on the waitlist.
- Ed requests a short bio of the people running for office to share with members so they have some knowledge about each person they are voting for.
- Phil will continue to maintain the website until officers and members are appointed.
- Fred suggested/commented APD could become a clearing house for all the entities/organizations that represent disabled people to educate them on the various entities out there.
- **The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2011. A time will be sent out.**

Meeting adjourned by Edwin DeBardleben  
Second by Debra S.-Brown at 8:03pm