

**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, not present
Sylvia Danese – member, not present	Susan Tanner – member, not present
Linda Peterson – member, not present	Irene Gallo- member, not present
<b>GUESTS</b>	
Anita Martin - guest	Rosemary Revoir – guest
Marion Browning - guest	Woodie Ryan – guest
Karl Martin - guest	Mr. Appalonia – guest
Edwin DeBardelben – APD	Sandra Mills - APD

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm

- I. **Roll call:** K. Samar, Phil Pearson – Present. Introduction of guests/members in attendance
- II. No quorum present.
- III. The group discussed:
  - Having Volusia County Sheriff Dept/law enforcement agency to speak to Volusia County families on how they deal with people with disabilities - **December**
  - planning a Community Forum –in **November** in Flagler for all people in Area 12
  - End of Life seminar –what happens when parents pass away - helping families prepare for their end of life and how to address the needs of their loved one in their absence – in **January**
  - Contacting Halifax hospital to have a speaker discuss how to address when people with disabilities are dealt with upon entering the hospital (for example ER visits). A proposal to have an Atty speak to the group regarding guardianship in **February**

Phil to send an email to all members regarding proposed ideas for a vote on the topics. At the last FCC meeting in Flagler discussion occurred to have I.D. cards made for disabled individuals to carry around to allow police to know they are connected to APD if there is an altercation with police. Ed suggested to be careful how people are labeled by using the cards. Mr. Appolonia agreed and said people should not have to be labeled and he finds it difficult to believe police have to be trained how to deal with people who have a disability. Ed suggested an emergency contact number on a card so family can be notified if there is a problem. Ed suggested Linda Burris, APD staff, do training for Flagler, Flagler Beach and Bunnell law enforcement as she has developed and trained law enforcement officers in the past on sensitivity for disabled people. Sheriff and local police will need to be invited to FCC meeting to discuss how they work with a disabled person.

The group proposed to hold a festival to invite families to attend the FCC and give out information to build membership. Kay feels there should also be a speaker for the event. The group present is in agreement (this needs to be voted on).

The meeting to be held in Flagler should incorporate/target all people in Area 12 not just Flagler individuals as the information will be helpful to all people. There is concern the information that will be present may only benefit the people in Flagler County. Some people feel depending on

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the subject matter then it could be area specific, for example Volusia County law enforcement invitations/fliers would only go to Volusia county people. It was suggested to utilize free advertisements through News 13, radio stations and local t.v. stations.

Phil: a goal of the Flagler meetings is to have them focus on local issues and have Volusia meetings focus on their local issues.

Ed: currently the group is not demonstrating how they are coming together as a group to discuss common issues. There is no system in place to vote on issues formally.

Phil: the current process is to have a quorum present at the meeting or have electronic voting of the issues discussed at the meeting. A description of the upcoming meeting could be sent for distribution to the members/guests who there are emails for.

Ed: at the end of every meeting have the standing items that will be discussed monthly and develop a calendar to mail out to everyone alerting them of what will be coming up.

Karl: propped to meet and develop a 6 month calendar of events.

Ed – Agency Updates:

Cost plan reviews for all people on the waiver are currently being conducted to look at cost saving measures that can be taken for each person. In the past APS (the company that approved each persons budget) approved many services that should not have been approved. Some were accurate and some were not. Support Coordinators will be working with each person to look at voluntary reduction of services. January 2012 standard rates will begin for Residential Habilitation. Currently rates for this service are negotiated for the behavioral homes. There will be 6 rates for this service. April 2012 the rates on the waiver for the therapies (i.e. Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, etc) will line up with state Medicaid rates. Agency vs. Solo rates will see change. Agency rate will decrease and only be 20% above the solo rate to keep within the budget of 810 million. On January 10<sup>th</sup> the Legislative session will begin its session early due to redistricting.

Phil – update from State council meeting (FL FCC Meeting):

The lead attorney for Disabilities Rights for people on the waitlist spoke. She made a proposal to send out letters from the FCC to wait list people regarding a law suite that is currently active. Director Mike Hanson decided against this move because APD is being sued therefore FL FCC should not send out letters. Ed further clarified the FCC could not use their letter head to send out the letters as they are part of the state agency.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm