

Family Care Council Meeting  
Hospital in Palm Coast  
12/10/09

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by chairperson, christina Pinto. We spent a fair amount of time trying to get the phone to work so that we could connect to our conference line. We finally decided that the problem was in the hospital system. We need a new meeting place that has a reliable phone connection.

Present were members Philip Pearson, treasurer; Irene Gallo, and Christina Pinto, chairperson. Others present included Ed DeBardeleben, Area 12 Administrator, Rosemary Revoir and Christina's husband, Joe and son, Brandon.

Minutes – so far there are no minutes for the November meeting but Phil summarized what happened. Basically, we had a short business meeting and then turned the meeting over to an APD representative who talked about the CDC+ program. Phil agreed to write up a short description and enter it into the record.

#### Old Business

December Newsletter - it is written and will go out soon. Phil indicated that there were too many last minute corrections and additions. This creates a tremendous amount of work on his part to re-organize the newsletter to incorporate these corrections and additions as well as adding to the time to get the newsletter issued. Phil indicated that there will be rules that will be applied to the next newsletter. There will be a deadline for new articles, with none accepted after that date. Once the newsletter is put together, it will be emailed to ask for corrections or changes. People will be given 1 week to respond. If there are no responses within that week, the newsletter will go out as is. Only one set of corrections will be allowed.

Budget - We noted that if our projected budget is followed, we will end the year with a cash balance of \$92.75. Christina asked if we would approve \$395 for her to attend a grant writing workshop. A motion was made and seconded to remove the budgeted \$400 allocated to family cafe and instead allocate the money to the grant writing workshop on the stipulation that Christina give a presentation at an FCC12 meeting to share here knowledge about the subject. She agreed to provide this presentation in April. The motion was seconded and passed.

Legislative Delegation - Phil gave an update. He noted that we need more people to go to these and advocated for the developmentally disabled.

Legislative Forum – Christina updated us about the upcoming forum. It will be on January 27, from 6-8 pm in the Volusia Room at the Daytona Beach Airport. Vouchers will be provided to attendees for parking at the airport. All of our legislators have been notified and, so far, all will attend. We will do a postcard mailing advertising this meeting. We agreed that we need a handout package for the legislators. Christina will introduce them and will give a short presentation citing key facts and statistics. The meeting will then be open for comments. We expect families to share their stories, hopes and concerns. We all agreed that this forum will replace the regular January meeting of the FCC.

Christina asked if we should be represented at the Flagler home show. We all agreed and will

share a table with the Special Olympics. Irene will help.

## New Business

Waitlist priority rules workshop – Phil attended this meeting noting that folks really wanted to talk about their own particular situation. Feedback was sent to Denise Arnold suggesting that APD prepare a “canned” talk about the FCCs and recommend that people join their FCCs and become active in advocating with the legislature.

I-budget meetings – Phil is on the stakeholder committee working this issue representing the waitlist. The I-budget is a critical tool which will be used to figure out how much funding a person is allowed. It will also be used to provide an accurate prediction of costs to the legislature which should increase APD's credibility possibly generate more funding.

FDDC/FCCF/Florida ARC Partnership - Phil related that there was a meeting between these three groups resulting in a strategic alliance to better understand and possibly eliminate the wait list.

Elections – Christina was voted in as chairperson again and Phil was voted in as the treasurer. The position of Vice Chairperson remains open. It is hoped that we can get someone from Volusia to step up for this.

Christina asked about fundraisers. Apparently Bob Evans has a voucher program which gives a portion of the bills back to a charity. There are other opportunities for fund-raising as well. Phil volunteered to talk with the bank about a non-profit bank account.

APD update – Ed updated us about the medicaid funding for PCA's for children under 21. Apparently providers are not signing up as medicaid providers and will be unable to bill for their services. The QA program is being revamped and case management will be done electronically. There is also an issue with the automatic reassignment of the FSL waiver folks into tier 4.

Open discussion – Christina mentioned that the Jacksonville Zoo will have a \$2 entry day on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted

Phil Pearson, Treasurer