

Family Care Council Minutes January 7, 2009

Present:

Sue Loftis, guest
Lou Ogburn, guest
Janet Graham, member
Jennifer Morgan-Byrd, member (via phone)
Lynne Daw, APD

Review of Minutes:

Lynne reviewed minutes from November meeting. There was no December meeting. No changes in minutes noted.

Old Business

Agency Update- Lynne provided Agency update. Currently the Agency focus has been on the implementation of cost plan rebasing. The initial data sent out for rebasing reflected incorrect calculations due to problems with the EDS billing system which was under-reflecting expenditures per person. . As a result, new data had to be run. This data has been reviewed at the Area level as well as by support coordinators and is indicated to be accurate. Individuals affected by rebasing have been sent notification letters dated December 29th. Individuals affected may submit hearing requests through the local Area office.

New Business

Legislative Special Session- the Special Session is currently underway. APD, along with other state agencies had to submit a plan to come within budget allocations. This plan for APD includes maintaining the 4% holdback for all budget categories as well as the loss of 175 positions Agency wide.

Joint training with Area 2 Steering Committee- The Family Care Council and the Area 2 Steering Committee are jointly sponsoring two training sessions for family members and self advocates on how to effectively talk with legislators. The sessions will be held in Marianna

Florida at Jackson County ARC and in Tallahassee Florida at TCC. Family Care Council is asked to help financially support this by paying for the cost of room rentals and materials being provided. This will be in the form of agreements with two local providers who will serve as hosts, handle registrations and the copying and disseminating of materials. Mike Dunn of the APD Legislative Affairs office will be the guest speaker. APD has also gotten notices out to different provider groups to put on their mail lists and list serves. Both Sue Loftis and Jennifer Morgan=Byrd agreed to send email addresses so that APD could get announcements to these other advocacy/family support groups for more participation. In order to promote attendance FCC has agreed to pay for travel costs for those who want to attend and need travel reimbursement to be able to do so.

Correction to Minutes from August 2008- Lynne discussed a correction that needed to be made to the August 2008 minutes. In discussions with the FCC members about the QSI process, she indicated that by March 31st, all individuals served through the Medicaid Waiver are to have a QSI completed. Once that assignments is completed, the notes reflected that a sample of the waitlist would be completed. The notes should have reflected that waitlist people would then have a QSI completed- it will not be a sample of waitlist people. The minutes will be changed to reflect this change.

Lou Ogburn gave a list of names of people who has spoken to about possibly becoming involved in the Family Care Council and encouraged other FCC attendees to also get the word out about the importance of increasing attendance. It is hoped that the Legislative trainings may generate some new members.