

**Family Care Council Minutes
November 5, 2008**

Present:

Janet Graham

Nan Whitfield

Lynne Daw

Tracy Stewart via phone

Jennifer Morgan-Byrd-via phone

Old Business

Agency Update/ Tier implementation

Lynne provided an Agency update. The tiers have now been fully implemented. Those individuals whose tier assignments have affected their services and have requested a hearing have no change on their current cost plan until it has been determined whether they are legible for a hearing. If they are eligible for a hearing, their services will continue at the current level until the hearing is completed and a decision has been rendered by the Administrative Law Judge.

New Business

Appointment of new members

The Area 2 FCC has had two members who have recently been appointed; Tracy Stewart and Jennifer Morgan Byrd. Lynne will be scheduling their new member orientation with them within the next month.

Cost Plan Rebasing

Lynne provided preliminary information about cost plan rebasing. In the last Legislative Session, the Legislature approved an adjustment to individual cost plans to reflect actual dollars spent plus 5 percent in their July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008 cost plan or the person's current cost plan amount (July 1, 2008-June 30 2009) whichever is less. Many times an APD customer's cost plan is approved for more services than are actually used. The Legislature voted to eliminate the unused services from cost plans as a method to control future spending. Rebasing is set up to be fully implemented January 1, 2009. The Agency is currently finalizing procedures. All individuals affected by rebasing will be sent letters which will include the amount the individual cost plan will need to be rebased.

December meeting

The consensus of the group was that they preferred to have a Christmas dinner together in lieu of a meeting. Lynne will follow up with identifying some options for where the dinner could be held and send out an email with location, date and time.