

Family Care Council Minutes
March 4, 2009

In attendance:

Janet Graham, member
Nan Whitfield, member
Mary Chafin (guest)
Lou Ogburn (via phone)
Jennifer Morgan-Byrd,member (via phone)
Tracy Stewart, member (via phone)
Sue Loftis,guest
Janelle Cooper, guest (via phone)

Review of Minutes

Lynne reviewed minutes from the February meeting. There were no changes to be made.

Old Business:

Agency Update

Lynne reported that staff changes were still being made at Central Office. She will review revised table of organization when it is received.

Cost Plan rebasing

All individuals subject to cost plan rebasing who have not requested a timely hearing request have had their cost plans rebased. The tier hearings are just starting to be scheduled. No rebasing hearings have been scheduled at this point. Lynne discussed the number of individuals in Area 2 who were subject to rebasing and the number who have requested hearings.

CDC+ Pilot:

Lynne reported that the CDC+ pilot is still slated to be held in Area 2. Currently the support coordinators who are interested in becoming enrolled as CDC+ consultants have been scheduled for consultant training in both Tallahassee and Marianna. Once the pilot is completed, there is a planned larger statewide enrollment.

Handbook workshops

Four handbook workshops were held around the state in February. The intent of these workshops were to provide stakeholders with information about proposed changes in the handbook and to provide an opportunity for verbal and written comments. Those comments are now being reviewed and proposed new language being developed. The next round of workshops will include a draft of the handbook in which individuals can comment and make recommendations.

New Business

Regular Legislative Session

The Legislative Session begins today and Lynne stated she would give updates from the session as they occur. Jennifer asked that FCC members be provided with talking points to visit legislators to talk about the needs of our Agency. Lynne stated she would seek to get these talking points from FCCF.

Nomination of new committee member

Lynne presented the application of Lou Ogburn for consideration as a new FCC member. All members were unanimously in agreement to present this application to the Governor's office for appointment.

QSI update

Lynne reported that 96% of all QSI's have been completed in Area 2. The deadline for completion of QSI's for individuals served through the waiver is 3/31/09. Once all waiver enrollees have been had QSI's conducted, the assessors will begin conducting interviews for people on the waitlist. No final protocol has been developed for this process. This will be added onto the April minutes to discuss in detail.

FCC budget

Tracy Stewart asked for the status of the FCC budget. She attends the FCCF meetings and at the last meeting, the FCCF asked if the local chapters could provide additional funding for FCCF activities. There was a general discussion about the FCC expenditures. Lynne will provide an update to the budget status to all current FCC members. Additional costs we have this year are for travel costs for Tracy to attend the March and May FCCF meeting, the cost of updating the brochure and for Jennifer to attend the Family Café along with Tracy to attend an upcoming Autism conference. Both agreed in attending these conferences, they would be willing to share this information with the FCC. Tracy and Jennifer also proposed the FCC partnering with the Family Network on Disabilities in co-sponsoring the Wright training which focuses on IDEA. Janet was aware of this training which can be offered in a variety of formats. She suggested that perhaps the FCC could apply for a mini-grant through the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council to help defray the cost. After discussion it was decided that this should be something to pursue next year which would enable the FCC to identify other partners. In so doing, the Family Care Council could perhaps pay for some respite or transportation costs for families to be able to attend the conference as well as offering a small financial contribution to the conference cost. This would align with the FCC support plan to provide educational opportunities.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st at 11:30am