

**Family Care Council Minutes
August 5, 2009**

In attendance:

Lou Ogburn,member

Sue Loftis,guest

Nan Whitfield,member

Lynne Daw.APD

Tracy Stewart ,member(via phone)

Janet Graham,member (via phone)

Jennifer Morgan-Byrd,member (via phone)

I. Old Business

1. Expansion of CDC+ Project

Lynne provided the following update to the expansion of the CDC+ project:

- Individuals who live in homes of their own or family home will be invited to apply for the CDC+ expansion.
- CDC+ staff have asked to be on the agenda for the September and probably October FCC meeting
- Letters will be sent out by Central Office to all eligible participants
- Areas currently confirming addresses and program components for individuals
- Letter will include date that those interested must respond
- Outside entity will draw sample which will be completely random and not based on Area census
- A maximum of 2500 will be enrolled during the fiscal year.

II. New Business

1. Election of Officers

Via email poll, Tracy Stewart had previously accepted the nomination as chairperson of the Area 2 Family Care Council so that she could be able to vote at the bi-monthly FCCF meeting. During today's meeting, Lou Ogburn was selected as the secretary and Nan Whitfield selected as the Vice-Chair. The vote was unanimous for both of these nominees.

2. APD Listening Tour

Lynne reported that APD Director Jim DeBeaugrine and Deputy Director of Operations, Dave Robinson, are going around the state conducting

“listening tours”. The purpose of these tours is twofold: An early afternoon session will be for waiver support coordinators, MW providers of other services and APD staff. In this session, APD leadership will discuss Agency initiatives and also will be talking with WSC’s about ABC data. In an evening session, waitlist families will be invited to give public comment on the current language passed during the last legislative session regarding waitlist priority. Lynne reported that she had tentatively secured space at the TCC campus with a cost of \$500.00. It was suggested that FCC sponsor this event as a means of providing information to families. The FCC members decided they wanted to pursue other venue options. Tracy volunteered to call her office building manager to see if it would be available at a lower cost which is the Hermitage building. Lou made a motion that FCC hold off on agreeing to hosting the site at TCC pending what Tracy found out from her building. Nan seconded the motion.

Lynne stated that Area offices will be responsible for sending letters of invitation out to all waitlist families. Tracy stated that she would like to write a letter to the parents that would be attached included in the announcement of the September 2nd meeting. She is going to draft a letter, circulate it for comment and Lynne will obtain the Area 2 FCC template for Tracy to use for the letter. Janet Graham stated that she thought that the FCC had purchased a template from Alpha Advertising in the past and will call to see about obtaining this template.

3. FCCF bi-monthly meeting

Tracy provided information about the FCCF bi-monthly meeting she recently attended. Director DeBeaugrine attended the meeting and representatives from APD central office called into the meeting. Tracy is the only waitlist parent serving as a chair of an FCC who attends the FCCF meetings. While there was a great deal of discussion about the changes in law regarding the waitlist priority, she was the only person who felt that there needed to be changes to the current language. She plans on discussing some concerns she has about the meeting process with the chairperson to ensure every person’s viewpoint is valued.

4. Prepaid Services Study Group for Developmental Disabilities

Tracy attended last week’s initial meeting for the Prepaid Services Study group. The purpose of this group is to look at a way to develop a prepaid model similar to the current Florida pre-paid college system that would enable parents to invest money for their children with developmental disabilities that could be used post graduation from high school for a variety of reasons (college, job training, etc.). The group is also looking at ways to draw down a federal match for this money. The workgroup are tasked with coming up with recommendations that are to be submitted to the legislature during the next session. Janet expressed concern that this money would be used to subsidize or replace current waiver funds. Tracy said this would not be

allowed and a family member of a person either on the waitlist or the Medicaid Waiver would have this option.

Quarterly Waitlist meeting

As reported last month, Lynne stated that Areas have been directed to have quarterly waitlist meetings. Since the listening tour meeting will be held in Tallahassee on September 2nd, Lynne suggested the first quarterly waitlist meeting to be held in Panama City later in September. She is going to ask APD staff in the Panama City office to call Gulf Coast Community College about available dates as they do not charge for their space.

Lynne also reported that a DME company is offering 50 cases of diapers to individuals on the waitlist and will provide more details to the FCC when they are learned.