

Family Care Council Florida  
Friday, March 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE: QUORUM PRESENT

COUNCILS: Dina Justice-Area 1, Patty Houghland-Area 1, Denise Torres-Area 4, Paula James-Area 5, Pauline Lipps-Area 6, Patricia Oglesby-Area 8, Jean Malacko-Area 9, Marty Norris-Area 10, Sandra Ames-Area 11, Karen Huscher-Area 13, Melody Hearn-Area 15

COUNCILS ABSENT: Area 2, Area 3, Area 7, Area 12, Area 14

APD STAFF: State Liaison Stephanie Rogers, JP Bell,  
Karen Hagen, David Dobbs, Clarence Lewis, Lynne Daw, Gina Herron, Melanie Eppers.

GUESTS: Luz Mery Montes Pinzon-Area 9, Jaime Pinzon Sr., Jaime Pinzon, Jr., Steven Poitevien.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dina Justice called the meeting to order at 3:01pm

MINUTES REVIEW/APPROVAL: see motions below

MOTIONS: A motion was called forth by Paula James to accept the agenda, seconded.  
Motion passed.

A motion was called forth by Paula James to accept 1/8/21 minutes with corrections. Motion passed.

A motion was called forth by Sandy Ames to accept 1/9/21 minutes with corrections.  
Motion passed.

BUDGET REPORT/REVIEW:

Treasurer's report was accepted as stated. No Action taken.

ACTION ITEMS:

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee presented slate for elections to be held at May 2021 meeting. Slate will be filed. Discussion was held on presentations in Dropbox, DD Day and again process of FIDC and need for leadership. Paula James stated she has taken the leadership of FIDC after speaking with Ann. Was need for new board members, members volunteered. Legislative committee presented their work product to the Council members present.

APD Chief of Staff David Dobbs was in attendance and answered questions along with Clarence Lewis, John Bell, Lynne Daw and Karen Hagan. JD presented information on current bills of interest to FCCF and the local councils. The topics this meeting included legislative calendar for just started session, specific house and senate bills, SB82 components especially in relation to WSC provisions. Updates to APD & state's pandemic response to clients and staff, especially rollout of vaccines, continued testing, visits, PPE, ADTs and Emergency Orders involving COVID-19. Lastly, update on EVV system was presented, see PowerPoint.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dina Justice adjourned meeting at 5:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Huscher  
FCCF Secretary

Family Care Council Florida  
Saturday, March 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE: QUORUM PRESENT

COUNCILS: Dina Justice-Area 1, Patty Houghland-Area 1, Denise Torres-Area 4, Paula James-Area 5, Pauline Lipps-Area 6, Susan Anderson Moore-Area 7, E James-Area 8, Jean Malacko-Area 9, Marty Norris-Area 10, Sandra Ames-Area 11, Charlene Green-Area 12, Karen Huscher-Area 13, Laura Tacinelli-Area 14, Melody Hearn-Area 15

COUNCILS ABSENT: Area 2, Area 3

APD STAFF: State Liaison Stephanie Rogers

GUESTS: Maryann Sera-Area 7, Hannah Moore-Area 7, Halil Al Tomek, Sally Bosten

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dina Justice called the meeting to order at 8:37am.

MOTIONS: A motion was called forth by Paula James to accept the agenda, with additions and change of order, seconded, motion passed.

A motion was called forth by Paula James to accept agenda with corrections, seconded.

Motion passed.

Motion was called forth by Paula James for Community Outreach committee to purchase educational material up to \$1000.00 for the FCCF booth and presentation at Family Café, seconded. Motion passed.

Motion was called forth by Paula James to request additional legislative mailing funds to be not more than \$175, seconded. Motion passed.

AREA UPDATES: See separate list in Dropbox for this month's Area updates.

ACTION ITEMS: Committees to meet and bring new updates to May 2021 meeting.

Speaker Amanda Baker, Vice President, Legislative Chair, FL SAND, spoke about legislative updates impacting especially self-advocates, advocating for increase in funding due to COVID, opposition to Civil Immunity bill and difficulty of obtaining durable medical equipment because of restrictions. Also educated the Council on her own personal challenges being a person with developmental disabilities depending on others in order to be the person she is just like everyone else.

Speaker Kimberly Quinn, ACHA Program Administrator, Waiver Authorities spoke about Behavioral and Mental Health Services and new language about Intermediate Care Facilities. Other topics of discussion specifically of importance included FL Transition Plan as pertains to HCB Settings Rule and Working People with Disabilities, which had drafted report in 11/18, with 3 options. No real answers about focus possibly on managed care.

The established committees presented updates; Bylaws-make sure corrections are done; Legislative- get mailings out and individual councils get postcards, info to local offices as legislative session has started; Marketing- need individual council FB pages and websites, social media is key now to get our message out, problems of keeping members is state wide, need to problem solve, develop possible solutions; Community outreach- major focus now is Family Café, presentation and booth. As noted above, motions was voted on in reference to committee needs or recommendations. Each committee was tasked with further actions to take.

#### CITIZEN TIME:

Mario Ballantine presented his concerns as a medical transportation provider in reference to checks bouncing, no payments, unable to file ACHA complaint. Council gave him various avenues to pursue in reference to his concerns including calling Disability Rights FL, contacting local Transportation Disadvantaged. As most clients in Hillsborough county, Pauline Lipps offered assistance. Mr. Ballantine was grateful and thankful that we listened to him.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dina Justice adjourned meeting at 3:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Huscher  
FCCF Secretary