

Family Care Council Florida  
Friday, May 7, 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

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

GUESTS: Ruth Wingate

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dina Justice called the meeting to order at 3:05pm

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 3/5/21 minutes with corrections, seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was called forth by Patricia Oglesby to accept 3/6/21 minutes with corrections, seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was called forth by Paula James to accept '21-'22 FCCF Spending Plan as presented, seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was called forth by Patty Houghland to accept the '21-'22 slate of officers as presented by Nominating Committee, seconded. Motion passed.

BUDGET REPORT/REVIEW:

Treasurer's report was accepted as stated. '21-'22 FCCF Spending Plan presented. See motion.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Create Facebook business page for FCCF, close current Facebook group.

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Paula James updated the Council on FIDC. New board members were announced. Paula stated paperwork was completed, needs to complete bank transfer, and will have board meeting in near future virtually. Update on March 2021 meeting of Qlarant was presented by Dina & Patty. Nominating Committee Chair presented slate of officers. After receiving no nominations from the floor, the slate was approved by motion. Marketing committee presented recommendation to change Facebook page to a business Facebook page. Also add Twitter and Instagram accounts. Discussion held over to 5/8/21 meeting.

APD Chief of Staff David Dobbs attended along with Clarence Lewis, Lorena Fulcher, Melanie Eppers, Keirsten Lee, Lynne Daw and Karen Hagan. Update on legislative session that just ended 4/30/21. Information of vital importance to APD, FCCF and the local councils was presented and discussed. These items included SB714, specific house and senate bills, SB82 components especially in relation to WSC provisions and Qualified Organizations. 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. Discussion on Employment Enhancement Project. Lastly, update on EVV system was presented, see PowerPoint.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dina Justice adjourned meeting at 5:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Huscher  
FCCF Secretary

Family Care Council Florida  
Saturday, May 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE: QUORUM PRESENT

COUNCILS: Dina Justice-Area 1, Patty Houghland-Area 1, Margie Garlin-Area 3, Denise Torres-Area 4, Paula James-Area 5, Pauline Lipps-Area 6, E James-Area 8, Jean Malacko, Eileen Licitra-Area 9, Marty Norris-Area 10, Sandra Ames-Area 11, Charlene Green-Area 12, Karen Huscher-Area 13, Laura Tacinelli-Area 14, Melody Hearn, Ellen-Area 15

COUNCILS ABSENT: Area 2, Area 7

APD STAFF: State Liaison Stephanie Rogers

GUESTS: Alma Smith, Ruth Wingate, Valerie Breen, FDDC; Tony DePalma, Disability Rights FL; Jim DeBeaugrine FL ARC; Tyler Sununu, FARF; Courtney Swilley, FARF. Ryan Chandler, Chandler Support Services; Brad Hunt, Exceptional Partners Inc.; and Laura Mokesky, Support Coordination Association of Florida.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dina Justice called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

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

A motion was called forth by Marty Norris to accept recommendations of Marketing committee to create new Facebook business page for FCCF along with business Instagram and Twitter accounts, and provide training to each council chair, seconded. Motion passed.

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

ACTION ITEMS: As continued from 5/7 meeting, create business FCCF Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts.

PANEL:

FCCF participated in a virtual panel discussion with representatives from The ARC of FL, Disability Rights Florida and the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council to discuss the outcomes from the 2021 Legislative session. Discussions included the Fiscal year 2021-2022 budget, SB192/HB 149- Students with Disabilities in Public School (Restraint & Seclusion), SB 1010/HB 681-Supported Decision Making, SB184/HB 79- Purple Alert, SB726/HB173- Individual Education Plan Requirements for Students with Disabilities, and SB1686/HB269- Definition of Developmental Disability. Panel participants and council members partook in an educational discussion and questions were formed and answered from legislative session observations and Council needs and focuses moving forward.

**PANEL:**

FCCF participated in a virtual panel discussion on Waiver Support Coordination with Ryan, Brad and Laura. Discussed what goes into effect come 7/1/21 in reference to waiver support coordination and Qualified Organizations resulting from SB82, policies and procedures including W2employees. Members spoke of their journey going from solo provider and trying to find a WSC in a Qualified Organization.

Continued committee updates;

**Marketing-** Focus now is Family Café, presentation and booth. Need people to bring logo to life, questions and answers, picture taking. At booth use colors and pictures. Need to use FICD funds? If rooms are needed check with Rosen Centre, overflow site, honoring Family Café rate.

Discussion on Advocacy Summit in September 2021. Possibly changing dates of FCCF September meeting to make easier for those attending Summit. Focus is on 2 issues facing Floridians with disabilities; fair and affordable housing and transportation.

**Legislative-** update on waitlist monies in new fiscal year, need to focus again on DSP rates in the upcoming 2022 legislative session. Last email/postcard campaign mailed 4/30/21.

## FACEBOOK presentation:

Quick discussion on Dropbox access. Then on to Facebook, cheat sheet is in Dropbox. Top 3 reasons for utilizing;

1. Share, like or comment.
2. Add content, knowing your audience.
3. Which platform to use to reach highest number of people.

Use best practices, as seen using Business Facebook page. FCCF will be transitioning to business page with Dina Justice and Stephanie Rogers as administrators. Will also create Twitter and Instagram accounts for FCCF. Need to use social media and emails as not everyone has access to or may not want to use certain platforms. Hashtags are area to explore.

CITIZEN TIME:

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dina Justice adjourned meeting at 3:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Huscher  
FCCF Secretary