



Family Care Council Area 1

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Thursday, April 15, 2021

Minutes

Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Dina Justice
Patty Houghland

Mary Thomas

Members Absent:

Jim Howard
Debbie Moore

Katie Chapman
John Collins

Nancy Cherry
Danny Parker

Guests:

Annette Zeeb, APD
Bradley Thomas

Octavius Jackson, APD
Sharon Horvath

Susan Foster
Cathy Sandiford

The meeting was convened at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Patty Houghland. Patty welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Patty reviewed the minutes from the March 2021 meeting. Dina Justice motioned to approve minutes. Mary Thomas seconded. Motion passed.

Dina gave a current update on the Transition Training Seminar with Area 2 held on April 8. We had a final total of 242 participants. There were 100 people that took the post test the day of the conference which is very good. An automatic certificate will be sent to all those who registered. Next week the archive of training will be available and emailed to all participants. She also went over counts by region. Area 1 – 47; Area 23. South Florida (Miami) – 52.

Patty brought up the idea of an Area 1 Virtual Support Group. There hasn't been any feedback. Vision is to have a more open discussion rather than a council meeting. We will hold a regular council meeting in May and plan a support group for June.

Patty touched on the Disaster Planning Summit with the Florida Development Disabilities Council and the World Institute on Disability. Conference date is Thursday, June 24. It will be a hybrid conference with some key stakeholders (ACHA, APD, self-advocates, DOH) in Tallahassee and all others virtually. There will be a representative from each of the 15 FCC councils. The FDDC is also rewriting the Planning Ahead Guide and looking for information from self-advocates, parents and caregivers. There has been some response from our area.

Octavius Jackson gave a brief update on Agency for Persons with Disabilities. The Panama City office is now open. The Marianna office will be closing and they are transitioning to the Panama City office. APD is in phase 1 with management working 2 days in the office. By June 1 all APD



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staff will be working in the office full time. He discussed bills APD is watching in legislature.

Susan Foster, with the Center for Independent Living, mentioned that they will be holding training for ages 14 to 26 years. She will send information to Dina for her to promote from Area 1.

Next meeting will also be virtual; link will be sent via email - Thursday, May 20 at 6 p.m.

Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Dina Justice, Vice Chair
FCC Area 1