



Family Care Council Area 1

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Thursday, August 20, 2020

Minutes

Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Dina Justice
Patty Houghland

Mary Thomas
Danny Parker

Members Absent:

Jim Howard
Debbie Moore

Katie Chapman
John Collins

Nancy Cherry

Guests:

Annette Zeeb
Debbie Goldberg
Bradley Thomas

Octavius Jackson
Linda Donar

Rand Fernandez
Cameron Patterson/Capstone

The meeting was convened at 12:35 p.m. by Chair Patty Houghland. Patty welcomed everyone.

Patty reviewed the minutes from the July meeting. Dina Justice motioned to approve minutes. Danny Parker seconded.

Dina gave an update and on Area 1 banner, tablecloth and brochures. They have been ordered and we are waiting to receive shipment from our liaison. She also gave an update on the Transition Training Seminar with Area 2. We will start promoting next month. Date is set for Thursday, April 8, 2021.

Linda Donar, ROM, gave a brief update on Agency for Persons with Disabilities, their staff and COVID-19. APD is assisting group home students headed back to school. She reported that there are seven group homes in the region with school-age individuals. Half will attend school in person and half will home school. Linda also reported on COVID testing for group home staff. They have contracted with Curative Labs. Staff required to be tested bi-weekly starting August 21. It is the responsibility of the group home manager to send tests in for staff. The Governor is reviewing the group home restrictions. APD does have information on their website for children headed back to school. Regarding openings of ADTs, it is up to each individual location on whether or not they open.

Dina shared information from the July Family Care Council meeting and the July Qlarant meeting. Majority of each meeting focused on SB 82 from last Legislative session and moving forward. Status of SB 82 won't go into effect until July 1, 2021 – APD working on implementing bill.



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- (1) Major changes to WSC – more accountability, qualified organization, no more solo (must have at least 4 to form small agency); better training and assessment; ethics and disciplinary procedures in place; mandatory reporting requirements
- (2) SANs process – centralize all requests into state office; quality assurance
- (3) iConnect – central client database management for consumers - in progress; adding more functions; want to make system available to providers at a later date (start with respite and personal supports; move into consumers); family training available at future date; electronic verification – personal supports and respite; will be implemented for providers so that they can match up visits with billing.
- (4) Intermediate Care Facilities - will now be able to be licensed by AHCA to operate homes for people with developmental disabilities who have severe behaviors.
- (5) Wording past statutes

Patty discussed group home restrictions. Secretary Mayhew said restrictions do allow for essential personnel in nursing homes as well as companionate care. Governor's committee is meeting next week. She also mentioned that we will work on ways to gain new members.

Next meeting will also be virtual; link will be sent via email - Thursday, September 17 at 12:30 p.m.

Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Dina Justice, Vice Chair
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