



# Family Care Council Area 1

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Thursday, March 18, 2021

Minutes

Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Dina Justice  
Patty Houghland

Danny Parker  
Mary Thomas

Members Absent:

Jim Howard  
Debbie Moore

Katie Chapman  
John Collins

Nancy Cherry

Guests:

Annette Zeeb, APD  
Rand Fernandez/EPRC  
Sharon Horvath

Octavius Jackson, APD  
Linda Donar, APD

Marilyn Weatherspoon  
Deborah Goldberg

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

Patty reviewed the minutes from the January 2021 meeting. Dina Justice motioned to approve minutes. Danny Parker seconded. Motion passed.

Patty reviewed the minutes from the February 2021 meeting. Dina Justice motioned to approve minutes. Danny Parker seconded. Motion passed.

Dina gave a current update on the Transition Training Seminar with Area 2. At the March FCCF meeting, council members asked if we could share with other councils. As of Friday, March 12, we had 181 registered. We will send out one more email and push on social media.

Patty brought up the prospect of changing the time of our meetings. There were discussions and we will now move our virtual council meetings to 6 p.m. keeping the same day, the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Linda Donar gave a brief update on Agency for Persons with Disabilities. Currently there are low cases of COVID, hospitalizations and deaths. They are working with CDR Health for those individuals living in the family homes and partnering with them regarding COVID clinics. APD is continuing to share community resources and information. They are preparing WSCs for the transition to Qualified Organizations. Most solo providers are forming groups of qualified organizations rather than joining larger companies. There are no qualified organizations in our area at this time. Staff vaccines are an ongoing process. Talks in the works to reopen the state in



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phase 2.

Annette Zeeb, in the local office for Agency for Persons with Disabilities, mentioned that the mock interviews with students for employment went well. They are also concerned about money for employment services moving forward as it was not in this year's budget.

Dina gave an update from the March FCCF meeting. The Florida Development Disabilities Council is working with the World Institute on Disability for a Disaster Planning Summit for this June. They are in need of stories from self-advocates. Interested parties should email Dina or Patty. More detailed information to come as it becomes available. The FDDC is also rewriting the Planning Ahead Guide and looking for information from self-advocates, parents and caregivers.

Bills this session we are keeping close eyes on are (1) Restraint and Seclusion in Classrooms, SB 192 and HB 149, (2) Supported Decision Making, SB 1010 and (3) Resource Information, SB 714 and HB 117. We will share information as it becomes readily available.

Next meeting will also be virtual; link will be sent via email - Thursday, April 15 at 6 p.m.

Chair adjourned the meeting at 2 p.m.

Dina Justice, Vice Chair  
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