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Thursday, December 3, 2020

Minutes

Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Dina Justice

Patty Houghland

Danny Parker

Members Absent:

Jim Howard

Debbie Moore

Katie Chapman

John Collins

Nancy Cherry

Mary Thomas

Guests:

Annette Zeeb, APD

Octavius Jackson, APD

Rand Fernandez/EPRC

Joanne Pearson, Center for Independent Living

Lucinda Thompson, Capstone

The meeting was convened at 12:35 p.m. by Vice Chair Dina Justice. Dina welcomed everyone.

Dina reviewed the minutes from the October meeting. Danny Parker motioned to approve minutes. Dina seconded.

Dina gave an update and on Area 1 banner, tablecloth and brochures. We are waiting to receive shipment from our liaison. Dina Justice motioned to spend up to \$150 to have items shipped directly to Pensacola. Danny Parker seconded.

Patty reviewed the application for membership from Rand Fernandez. Dina Justice motioned to accept. Danny Parker seconded.

She also gave an update on the Transition Training Seminar with Area 2. A second "Save the Date" email was sent in November. We will continue to share monthly on social media and through emails.

Octavius Jackson gave a brief update on Agency for Persons with Disabilities. There aren't any big changes regarding teleworking, office closure to the public etc. APD was required to submit a plan for returning to work (best practices and how to phase back in person). iConnect training moving along; providers will be required by the end of the year to submit reports directly. Reminder that SB 82 rule for waiver support coordinators goes into effect July 31, 2021. At this time there won't be any more solo support coordinators.

Dina shared information from the November Family Care Council meeting regarding the Legislative Recommendations and showed samples. FCCF is utilizing an email campaign with



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personal stories now through the end of March. Each council will receive postcards with creative/recommendations to use when they visit local legislators.

Patty shared the following information: Florida DD Council is still planning on revising their Planning Ahead information booklet. They will be looking for feedback on revisions. This is temporarily on hold. She discussed the idea of a virtual support group for Area 1. In lieu of today's climate, this could be beneficial to members and those in the community. She asked for input from those on the call.

Next meeting will also be virtual; link will be sent via email - Thursday, January 21 at 12:30 p.m.

Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Dina Justice, Vice Chair
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