



# Family Care Council Area 1

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Thursday, February 18, 2021

Minutes

Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Dina Justice  
Patty Houghland

Members Absent:

Jim Howard	Katie Chapman	Nancy Cherry
Debbie Moore	John Collins	Danny Parker
Mary Thomas		

Guests:

Annette Zeeb, APD	Constance Bartell, APD
Rand Fernandez/EPRC	Linda Donar, APD
Brad Hunt, Exceptional Partners	

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

Brad Hunt, with Exceptional Partners, gave an overview of the Waiver Support Coordinator changes taking effect July 1. There won't be any more solo providers – they must join an agency and the agency must be approved by APD. There is statewide and regional training involved. Not sure of the criteria that APD is using for qualified organizations. Providers will now be a W2 employee of the agency and won't be able to use their 1099. The real challenge is providing competitive wages.

Linda Donar gave a brief update on Agency for Persons with Disabilities. To date there are three applications for qualified organization from the Northwest Region; in addition, five solo coordinators have resigned. The CVS and Walgreens Pharmacies program, used by group homes for vaccinations, has now been suspended. APD is working with CDR Kelly who will reach out to those group homes who still need vaccines. The APD operated facilities including Sunland, Pathways DDDP and Tacachale are receiving their second doses of the vaccines for both residents and staff. These are being administered by a Florida DOH Incident Management Team, CVS as part of the Long-Term Care Facility Pharmacy Program, and Alachua County Health Department, respectively. Residents and staff and a little over 600 APD group homes have received vaccines as part of the Long-Term Care Facility Pharmacy Program.

Those who have not, which is approximately 1534 group homes, and 14,752 residents and staff around the state will begin receiving vaccines administered by CDR health starting March first. We are coordinating with DEM and DOH to ensure no one falls through the cracks.



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Next meeting will also be virtual; link will be sent via email - Thursday, March 18 at 12:30 p.m.

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

Dina Justice, Vice Chair  
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