



Family Care Council Area 1

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Thursday, July 22, 2021

Minutes

Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Dina Justice
Patty Houghland

Jim Howard

Members Absent:

Mary Thomas
Debbie Moore

Katie Chapman
John Collins

Nancy Cherry
Danny Parker

Guests:

Annette Zeeb, APD

Deborah Goldberg

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 June 2021 meeting. Patty motioned to approve minutes. Dina Justice seconded. Motion passed.

Patty touched on the idea of an Area 1 Virtual Support Group. This topic will be put on hold and readdressed if needed. Jim Howard mentioned that there is a CIL support group that meets monthly. He will get information and share.

Patty asked for personal stories regarding waiver support coordinators and what families and individuals need. We need to show that we are in a crisis situation and that there is a staff shortage. We need to make our voices heard. A major issue with waiver support coordinators is low wages. We are losing staff which results in loss of personal supports, companion services and nursing care. Some ADTs and group homes are closing as well. Dina touched on the American Rescue Plan/FMAP and the possible monies to be received. She mentioned that the FCCF July council meeting will be this weekend in Orlando and this will be a topic of discussion with APD.

Deborah Goldberg stated that EPRC will be closing in September since a grant was not awarded. They are working on how to pass on items and programs on that have been developed. She asked that if anyone had thoughts about the transition to let her know.

Next meeting will also be virtual; link will be sent via email - Thursday, August 19 at 6 p.m.

Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Dina Justice, Vice Chair
FCC Area 1