



# Family Care Council Area 1

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Thursday, October 8, 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  
Carmilito Abedejos

Octavius Jackson

Rand Fernandez

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

Patty reviewed the minutes from the August meeting. Dina Justice motioned to approve minutes. Patty seconded.

Dina gave an update and on Area 1 banner, tablecloth and brochures. We are waiting to receive shipment from our liaison. She also gave an update on the Transition Training Seminar with Area 2. A "Save the Date" email was sent earlier this week as well as posting on Area 1 Facebook page and website. We will continue to share monthly.

Linda Donar, ROM, gave a brief update on Agency for Persons with Disabilities via email. There aren't any big changes regarding teleworking, office closure to the public etc. Positive COVID-19 cases are significantly lower for consumers and providers. ADTs are reopening with APD providing guidance on reopening plans regarding CDC guidelines. Group Home visitation restrictions are lifted with specific guidelines to ensure health and safety. Impacts of Hurricane Sally to providers/consumers was minimal; no unmet needs.

Dina shared information from the September Family Care Council meeting. The October Qlarant meeting is next week and the November Family Care Council meeting will be early November in Orlando.

Patty shared the following information: Florida DD Council is planning on revising their Planning Ahead information booklet. They will be looking for feedback on revisions. Information to come on what will be changed. Proposed changes to iBudget – September 2020 handout was emailed to members. Patty encouraged all to review. Area 1 would like to start a virtual support group with a set day and time for individuals to connect and discuss topics of interest and needs. Stay tuned



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for more details.

Next meeting will also be virtual; link will be sent via email - Thursday, November 19 at 12:30 p.m.

Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Dina Justice, Vice Chair  
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