

**SERVICE AREA 10
MENTAL HEALTH
FLORIDA LOCAL ADVOCACY COUNCIL**

Serving the residents of Pinellas and Pasco Counties

**GRISWALD BUILDING
11351 Ulmerton Rd.
Largo, Florida
May 24, 2006
Minutes**

Members Present:

Nancy Durstein, Chair
John Jones
David Vaughn
P. J. McKay, SAC

Members Absent:

Tina Lightfoot, Vice-Chair
Bob Pitts

Staff Present:

Penny Vallario

Call To Order & Introductions: Mrs. Durstein called the May 24, 2006 meeting to order at 2:24 p.m... Introductions were made and no quorum was established.

Agenda: No agenda was presented for approval.

Minutes: Due to the fact that there was no staff available at the April meeting, no minutes were available to approve.

Statewide Advocacy Council Report:

Ms. McKay informed the council of the following:

- Penny Vallario was introduced as the new staff person. P.J. discussed the back-log problems with the Area Office that Penny inherited.
- P.J. will be distributing by email the backlog of complaints from 4/28.
- The phone prefixes (xxx) of Pasco belong to service area 10.
- P.J. told the council that they needed to get the membership up to at least 7 members. She gave the council one month to increase their numbers. Merging with the MP council would be the only option if the numbers did not increase.
- Full SAC meeting is planned for July 19-21 in Tampa with training for trainers scheduled for July 18th.
- There is pending legislation, Bill 7173, that if passed and signed by the Governor, will make some changes in the SAC/LAC legislation:
 - 1 SAC meeting per year
 - A SAC member can be removed by the governor before the term expiration

Monitoring

There was no monitoring completed this month.

Old Business: There was no old business discussed.

New Business

The membership list was updated by all present.

Tracey Holzworth was interested in becoming a LAC applicant. Her address is 2025 N. Rogers Street #110, Clearwater, FL 33764; phone 727 542-8484. Tracey was going to try and come to the meeting, but did not make it. Nancy agreed to put an ad in the paper for recruitment of members.

Nancy asked Penny to bring the LAC posters to the next meeting.

All agreed to continue meeting on the 4th Wednesday at 2:00 each month.

CLOSED SESSION:

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 11351 Ulmerton Road in the Griswald Buidling at 2:00 p.m. on June 28, 2006.

Submitted by

Penny Vallario
Staff member

Nancy Durstein
Chairperson

In order to ensure a quorum, members should contact Richard Kane if they will be unable to attend the next meeting.