

**FLORIDA LOCAL ADVOCACY COUNCIL
Jacksonville Multi-Program
Service Area 5**

October 10, 2006

Members Present

Patricia Goff
Denise Johnson
Travers O'Connor
Sonia Lavin
Linda Rubens (SAC)

Members Absent

Maria Vivas - Excused
Janet Imler

Staff/Guests

Bryan Morgan (LAC Staff)

Pat Goff, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with a quorum.

MINUTES:

The minutes from September 12, 2006's meeting were reviewed.

Denise Johnson moved to accept the minutes from September 12, Sonia Lavin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Old Business

Budget/Staff Announcements – Bryan Morgan reported that this council has a balance of \$1,493.74 as of October 1. Bryan also reminded the council that mileage reimbursement forms are available to council members for meeting attendance and monitoring. Members can choose to donate mileage or receive reimbursement. There will be a new member training in Orlando on October 19th, 2006. Bryan announced that all are welcome to attend.

Recruitment/Membership – Pat had asked Bryan if any of the three Governor Appointee Applications had been received by the Orlando Office. She had forwarded interested parties to Bryan and he had sent them out in the last month. None of the three have been received. The subject of merging the SA5 Multi-Program and the Mental Health councils was discussed with Linda Rubens. The benefits of merging the councils were highlighted and questions of member duties were addressed. Larger membership would ensure more progress and unity in the community and members would be able to focus on the cases that they are trained for and hold interest in. Further discussion will happen after the upcoming DCF Community Stakeholders event where recruitment may be a possibility.

Success Stories/Annual Report- None to report at this time.

Statewide Advocacy Report – Linda Rubens encouraged the council members to attend the next SAC meeting. It is scheduled for November 14th and 15th, 2006 at Singer Island. Meeting registration forms were made available by Bryan and must be returned to the Hub Office by October 20th to make the registration deadline. Focus of the meeting will be to regain track of the council and set new direction. Linda had submitted the Agenda for the meeting and predicts the meeting to last a day and a half to limit the time members would need to be away from home and work.

Monitoring – It was decided that a work plan for monitoring be created. Daycares, ALFs, nursing homes and day facilities were suggested. Sonia Lavin had recently attended a meeting where the Mayor of Jacksonville had stressed the urgency of overseeing daycares in the community. It was suggested Sonia compose a letter to the Mayors office introducing the LAC and ask for inclusion in formation of the task force suggested by the Mayor. Other avenues for obtaining monitoring locations include DCF website, AHCA website and Channel 12's website. After discussion suggested monitoring plan includes:

November	ICF, DD (possibly Hodges)
January	Daycare (possibly Bank of America)
March	Foster Care (possibly Daniel)
May	Day Facility (possibly Pine Castle)

Letters of intent to monitor are to come from the Hub Office in Orlando. Bryan will send letters once a monitor location is confirmed and a date decided.

New Business

DCF, Community Stakeholders Meeting - Bryan will return to Jacksonville on Friday, October 13th to attend the DCF Community Stakeholders event. A table will be available for the LAC to hand out information and meet other agency representatives. Volunteers to also attend were Pat Goff, Sonia Lavin, Travers O'Connor and Denise Johnson. Set up will be done by 8:30am and event runs to noon.

Correspondence: None

Announcements: None

CLOSED SESSION:

With no further business to discuss, Denise Johnson made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Signature on File
Bryan Morgan
LAC Staff

Signature on File
Patricia Goff
LAC /MP Chairperson

cc: Florida Local Advocacy Council, SA5
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