

**FLORIDA LOCAL ADVOCACY COUNCIL
For Multi-Programs
Service Area 10
Minutes**

September 27, 2006

Members Present

Linda Culhane
John Feeley
Susanna Schramek
Brian Siracusa

Members Absent

Richard Kane
Betty Behn
Esther Berry
Grace Daley
James Johnson II
Tamara Nenni

Staff/Guests

Penny Vallario
Kathy Varga, AHCA Supv

P.J. McKay (SAC Rep)

Linda Culhane, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. without a quorum.

MINUTES:

The minutes were not accepted or signed as there was no quorum.

GUEST: Kathleen Varga, MPH, AHCA Health Facility Evaluator Supervisor

Ms. Varga operates from the Assisted Living Unit of AHCA. She oversees the assisted living facilities and licensing in the counties of Area 5 and Area 6. This includes over 500 ALFs. Ms. Varga brought a handout for everyone on Assisted Living Facilities. She and all the present members went through the handout which explained in detail the definition, license requirements, services provided, staff requirements, and the resident criteria for assisted living facilities.

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION

Chairperson's Report: Linda Culhane announced that there would not be an election this month due to no quorum. The election will take place at the October meeting.

Monitoring Reports: No monitoring was done this month

Monitoring Assignments: No assignments made at this time.

Statewide Advocacy Report- SAC – P.J. McKay reported that at the last conference call the access petitions will cover four agencies, DCF, APD, AHCA, and DOEA. SAC is also requesting more funds for additional staff.

Ms. McKay announced that the new SAC Chair is Linda Reubens and the Vice-Chair is Joel Pate. The next SAC meeting will be in November and the location has yet to be confirmed.

Ms. McKay stated that she received a 30-page psychotropic drug study from the Citizens Commission on Human Rights of Pinellas County. The LAC received an honorable mention in the study.

Staff Report - Penny Vallario presented the new agenda format to the council. She also reported that staff is working on getting public service announcements put in the newspapers for each of her areas.

Ms. Vallario informed the council that she was communicating with Terrence Field, Tampa DCF Supv, in regard to the abuse notification reports we are currently receiving from Pamela Rodgers. She has requested that they begin using the form the remainder of the state uses for abuse notifications. This request is in response to the complaints from the St. Petersburg LACs as well as the Sarasota LAC regarding the lack of information on the reports to determine whether an investigation is warranted or not.

Old Business

Budget - Penny Vallario distributed budget report to the council that reflected a balance of \$1216.62 as of August.

Recruitment/Membership – No recruited members.

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

New Business

Correspondence: No correspondence at this time.

Announcements: Since there was not a quorum there will be an election in October. **All members are urged to attend the October meeting for this all important vote.**

Council Member Comments: Mr. Siracusa and Ms. Schramek requested that an email go out to Mr. Kane requesting what kind of time is required to hold the chair position on the LAC council. Ms. Vallario will send out that email request.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 11351 Ulmerton Road in the Mary Grizzle Building at 10:00 a.m. on October 25, 2006

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Signature on File
Penny Vallario
LAC Staff

Signature on File
Linda Culhane
LAC /MP Vice-Chairperson

cc: P.J. McKay, Statewide Advocacy Council