

**Service Area 8  
Local Advocacy Council– Multi-Program  
Bartow  
Thursday, May 25, 2006 9AM  
Heartland Offices, 1239 East Main**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rev Karl Thiele Chair  
Lois Matthews-Smith  
Catherine Uria  
Kim Nesbit  
Bobby Boedicker  
Joan Machill  
Pat Babcock  
Gonzalo Lezama  
Keith Finlayson

**SAC**

PJ McKay

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF**

Bryan Morgan - LAC

**GUESTS:**

Yolanda Baker  
“Mac” MacCloud  
Amanda Boudreau

***Open Session***

**I. Call to Order**

Reverend Thiele called the open session meeting to order at 10:30 am.  
There was a quorum established.

**II. Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

Motion to approve agenda made by Mr. Boedicker and seconded by Mrs. Nesbit. Agenda approved.

Motion to approve agenda/April meeting minutes made by Mrs. Nesbit and seconded by Mr. Lezama. Minutes approved from April, 2006.

**III. Part I: Training or Guest Speakers**

Lorenzo MacLoud of substance abuse and MH.

- Direction of department is continuing to focus on “Road to Recovery” procedures.
- Department has begun to partner with Dept of Corrections to assess psychiatric conditions of prisoners being released back into the community.

Yolanda Baker of HFC.

- Heartland's annual training was successful in early May with over 500 in attendance.
- Mentor awards were given to foster parents in May.
- Agency has met 100% of its annual adoption goals prior to end of year with 157 children permanently placed. Anticipating 16 more before end of year.
- Over 3000 children receiving services from HFC
- Mrs. Baker passed out updated contact lists for the HFC agency.

IV. **Part II: Business Meeting**

- **CHAIR'S WELCOME AND REPORT**

Chair will be unavailable for meeting in June, referring any concerns or updates to Mrs. Babcock as Vice-Chair for June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. It was asked of Mr. Morgan to contact all program coordinators prior to next meeting for their participation. A list of names and numbers were given to Mr. Morgan.

No meeting in July 06, following meeting is August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Deferred report to the SAC report.

- **SAC REPORT**

Mrs. McKay reported on new forms that will be put in use after 7/1/06. Other discussion included SAC full meeting to be held in July of 06. Offered dates available to all council members and informed council of the train the trainer segment open to appointed council members. Per council decision, Ms. Keith Finlayson and Mrs. Lois Matthews-Smith are to be appointed as trainers to attend the training session in Tampa. J.J. MacHill was also appointed however the training has only room for two members, Mrs. MacHill can be considered for future trainings.

Was just announced SA8 will be represented by Andy Phillips, newly appointed by the Governor. Mr. Morgan shared with the council the announcement given to him. It was asked the that the minutes reflect the council's concern and "flabbergasted" reaction to not having any input in the decision of a new SAC representative.

- **STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Morgan gave a report for the Orlando Hub office.

- Travel sheets were handed out and collected for current meeting.

- Currently without an assistant at the Orlando office.

- **MONITORING REPORT**

Mr. Lazama gave a report on a monitoring of Pleasant House in Avon Park. Interviews of staff and administration were favorable and no discrepancies were found in the monitoring. Was requested a list of Group Homes and Foster facilities be given to council for future monitoring.

Mrs. MacHill offered to do more monitoring in the months to come due to having more availability. .

Council broke at 10:13am to prepare for Closed Session.

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES PREPARED  
SEPERATELY**

Submitted By:

Approved By:

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Bryan Morgan

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Rev. Karl Thiele, Chair

Date