

Service Area 5 - Jacksonville
5920 Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville, FL
MP Council
Minutes
August 8, 2006, 9am

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Goff Chair
Gloria Johnson
Travers O'Connor
Janet Imler
Sonia Lavin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Denise Johnson - Excused
Aaron Sollenberger-Excused
Maria Vivas-Excused

GUESTS:

Tim Ring - DCF
Linda Smith - DCF
Carmen Baselice - DCF

SAC

Not Present

STAFF

Bryan Morgan

Open Session

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Patricia Goff at 9:10AM.

II. Meeting

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Approval of Agenda motion made by Gloria Johnson and seconded by Travers O'Connor. Agenda adopted.

Approval of May minutes motion made by Gloria Johnson and seconded Travers O'Connor. May minutes passed with one correction to page two, section III, L05-MP-102805-001 to be deleted as it has already been closed prior to May 9th's meeting. Minutes passed unanimously.

Guest speaker:

Linda Smith from DCF handed out informative packets created for mandated abuse reporters. The information covered in the presentation included the required criteria for a complaint. Reasonable cause, Florida resident and the abuser must be a caregiver in the child's home. Two recent additions were mentioned; human trafficking and school reports against a teacher. There are two types of reports, an immediate which requires DCF to contact the abused with three hours and a twenty-four hour response. Investigators must commence the case in those time periods by attempting a visit to the location of the abused. There are three outcomes to an investigation. Unfounded, Voluntary Support and Removal. Voluntary Support is an agreement that the family will take part

in counseling or classes to resolve the issues. Removal involves DCF in the presence of a Judge within 24 hours. At the closure of a case, victims are forwarded to a community services provider within five days.

Linda Smith from DCF will forward the Jacksonville area DCF phone contact list to Bryan Morgan who will then relay it to the council.

Recruitment:

Bryan Morgan offered suggested options of recruitment to the council given to him by Penina Popper in the Ft. Lauderdale LAC Hub Office. These suggestions included Project Hope and local health fairs or community fairs. Other options offered by council and guests were, Volunteer Jacksonville, the Volunteer Services Office and it's employee programs and the Board of Education. Pat Goff suggested late night television PSA's as were run in the past. Bryan will follow up with Tallahassee and see if those are still available. The goal is to recruit for the MP council with focus on medical professionals and consumer reps.

Chair Report:

SAC meeting report was made by Pat Goff. It was voted that LAC members can attend SAC meeting closed sessions. Bryan Morgan will clarify if the LAC members can only attend those closed session items that involve that specific LAC region or if they are welcome for the entire closed session. A proposed Inter Agency Agreement was presented between four agencies. Bryan passed out copies of the proposed agreement to the council. The agreement will be updated annually and it is presumed to alleviate the tensions caused by the access petitions filed against the State and create better working partnerships statewide. The next SAC full meeting is scheduled for October tentatively in Orlando. Travers O'Connor asked if House Bill 393 is still in deliberation regarding the verbiage of the LAC being a health oversight agency. Bryan will follow up with Executive Director, Sherri McVay for an answer.

LAC Staff Report:

Bryan Morgan announced that the new executive assistant hire, Maribel Rodriquez will begin in the Orlando office, August 18th. The office is very excited to have her and her experience joining the staff team. Bryan handed out meeting calendars for the 06-07 fiscal year as well as the new budget summaries that will be updated each meeting. The approved forms from the SAC meeting were handed out. These forms include monitoring tools, meeting attendance request forms, and procedure forms that have been initiated statewide for all LACs.

New Business:

New Chair and Vice-Chair elections need to be held in September. The council nominated Denise Johnson and Travers O'Connor as a nominating committee.

It was announced that this was the last meeting Gloria Johnson would be attending. Gloria has been a very active member since 2002. The council thanks her for her service and wishes her the best.

III. Closed Session

Adjourn:

The council had no further business and motion to adjourn was made by Travers. O'Connor. Council adjourned at 10:50am

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Bryan Morgan

Date

Patricia Goff, Chair

Date