

**FLORIDA LOCAL ADVOCACY COUNCIL
Jacksonville Mental Health
Service Area 5**

October 10, 2006

Members Present

David Espiritu - Chair
Anthony Dudley
Steve Jones
Dr. Darrell Craig

Members Absent

Elaine Ewen - Excused
Gordon Bass Jr- Excused
Shelby Simmons - Excused
Ernst Mueller - Excused

Staff/Guests

Bryan Morgan (LAC)

David Espiritu, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Being that one member is waiting to complete his training there was not an official quorum.

MINUTES:

The minutes from August 8, 2006's meeting were reviewed. Vote for approval was tabled for next meeting when quorum is established.

OPEN SESSION

Old Business

Budget/Staff Announcements – Bryan Morgan reported that this council has a balance of \$1,441.86 as of October 1. There will be a new member training in Orlando on October 19th, 2006. Bryan announced that all are welcome to attend. Bryan and David 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 Rubens (SAC Chair) 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.

Recruitment/Membership – The subject of merging the SA5 Multi-Program and the Mental Health councils was discussed. 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.

Monitoring Reports – No monitoring to report since last meeting. It was decided the next monitor location would be the Shan’s facility. Members will coordinate a time and date and inform Bryan at the Hub Office so he can send out the intent letter to the facility. Monitoring forms were handed out to the council by Bryan.

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. Steve Jones volunteered to attend as well. Set up will be done by 8:30am and event runs to noon.

Phsyctropic Report – Steve distributed copies of a report expanding on the LAC study of children under psychotropic medication by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights. The study provided further statistics and findings done after the LAC investigation. The White Paper was reviewed by the council and will be discussed further in a later meeting.

Work Plan – Attending members discussed a possible work plan for the MH council. Would include focus on bettering the children’s Baker Act system. It was recognized that the system is not monitored and needs improvement statewide. A work plan discussion will be on the Agenda for the November council meeting.

Correspondence: None

Announcements: None

CLOSED SESSION:

Closed session not held.

Due to the Statewide Advocacy Council Meeting, the next meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on November 21st, 2006 at the DCF office located at 5920 Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville, FL 32211.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Signature on File
Bryan Morgan
LAC Staff

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David Espiritu
LAC /MP Chairperson

cc: Florida Local Advocacy Council, SA5
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