

LOCAL ADVOCACY COUNCIL
Service Area 4/Gainesville
GAINESVILLE, FL 32602-390

MULTI PROGRAM COUNCIL
Gainesville
November 9, 2006
6:00 PM

Members Present:

Connie Houchen
Vicky Pitts
Mary Devlin

Members Absent:

Ruth Williams
Dee Mitchell
Darlyne Guldi
Maida Hoit

Guest:

Jim Smith, APD

Staff Present:

Faith Connelly

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Mary Devlin called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

III. Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes could not be approved as there was no quorum.

IV. Chairperson Report

No Report

V. APD Report

Jim Smith faxed an Area 3 update. The Right of the Month project continues. The goal is to assist providers in teaching and promoting these rights to the consumers they serve in an understandable and meaningful way. There was a legal challenge to DCF Hearing Officers hearing APD Medicaid Waiver cases. The First District Court of Appeals opined that the statute that permits hearings conducted with DCF does not apply to APD services. APD consumers must now go before the Department of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) for Fair Hearings.

VI. LAC Liaison Report

- A new Statewide Advocacy Council representative has been appointed. His name is Narayana Murthy from the Lake City area.
- Connie Houchen has agreed to be vice chair for the coming year after her reappointment.
- There was a discussion on the various methods of recruiting new members that can be used. One suggestion was to give presentations at VFW, American Legion, Kiwanis, and Women's Club monthly meetings.

VII. SAC Liaison Report

- No Report

The next meeting will be on January 11, 2007 at Shands Vista.

Closed Session

VIII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved By: _____ Submitted By: _____
Mary Devlin, Chair Faith E. Connelly