

Subject: Meeting Minutes of the Local Advocacy Council for Developmental Disabilities/Service Area 2

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Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2006
11:30 a.m .CST

Place: Sunland Training Center
Marianna, Florida

Chairperson: Ms. Kathleen Graminski

Members Present: Ms. Kathleen Graminski, Mr. Wallace Haber, Ms. Sharon Macaluso, Ms. Faith Connelly – Local Advocacy Council Staff

Department Staff and Guests Present: Dr. Tracy Clemmons, Ms. Spring Southwell, Mr. Russell Register, Ms. Joyce Ford, Ms. Amy Toman

Call to Order and Introductions: Ms. Graminski called the meeting to order and asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes: There was not a quorum to approve minutes.

Development Disabilities Community Report: No Report

Sunland Report: 18 new beds were approved. There is a backup in the court system for MRDP clients, there are 20 people waiting in jail for a forensic bed to open up. After July 1 there will be 56 staff people for the forensic unit. The autism unit should be completed by May 1 and will house 16 residents. Dr. Clemmons suggested a tour of the facility for the council when the unit is ready. Dr. Clemmons showed plans for the new forensic site. Residents will have their own rooms and a work area for individuals to develop skills. The regular Sunland population will not be subjected to the forensic population.

Monitoring Reports: Mr. Haber spoke at a group meeting at Sunland. The program is called “Bridges” and it is for parents, staff, and clients to get together and discuss any issues. There were 8 to 10 parents and about 60 to 70 clients there. Mr. Haber asked staff to keep asking if residents would like to register to vote. There was good interplay with the residents asking questions and staff being responsive to the issues being discussed.

Membership: Mr. Haber will take on the responsibility as Chairman starting immediately.

Next Meeting: March 28, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. CST at Sunland.

CLOSED SESSION

Approved By: _____ Submitted By: _____
Kathleen Graminski, Chair Faith Connelly