

Subject: Meeting Minutes of the Local Advocacy Council for Developmental Disabilities/Service Area 3

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Date/Time: Wednesday, May 10, 2006
8:30 a.m.

Place: Cedars Executive Center
Tallahassee, FL

Chairperson: Lou Ogburn

Members Present: Ms. Lou Ogburn, Dr. Sally Search, Ms. Kim Watson, Ms. Sue Loftis, Mr. Fred Radcliffe, Mr. Jay Starling, Ms. Candi Nelson, Ms. Laura Newton, Ms. Faith Connelly – Local Advocacy Council Staff, Mr. Bob Woodard – Statewide Advocacy Council

Members Absent: Ms. Renee Llewellyn, Ms. Bernice Stokes, Dr. Mary Riordan

Staff and Guests Present: Ms. Cheryl Smith, Ms. Jill Wyer

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved with one change.

Developmental Disabilities Report: Ms. Smith that there was a reduction in general revenue and contract dollars in the new budget. She will report on the bills at the next council meeting. The providers did get a rate increase. Transportation Coordinators and Support Coordinators were given an increase also. Children in foster care and family safety will have priority for waiver money. Autism clients will automatically be considered for the developmental disabilities waiver. Ms. Smith said there was a need for people to do 24 hour in-home support.

Transportation: There is a statewide meeting today in Perry. This is part of a series of five state meetings.

Health Quality Assurance Report: No report.

Monitoring: Ms. Ogburn and Mr. Radcliffe visited Easter Seals. They were very pleased. Everyone was busy. The hot water was working fine. The new maintenance man seemed friendly. The facility looked and smelled clean. Ms. Wyer said they were currently getting estimates to repair the roof. They were given an estimate for a new roof which they can not afford at this time.

Dr. Search visited Mahan. The Administrator did not know who the LAC were. The staff was professional and engaged with the residents. The residents were neat and clean. There is a local dentist that all residents visit. The kitchen was neat and clean. Medications were locked up. Dr. Search did not ask to review records and will do that next time. The Administrator had no problem with that.

Ms. Nelson visited Dorchester. The building was clean. The Administrator, Ms. Hatfield, said they had their AHCA survey in March and had only one citation which involved the off-site day program. Ms. Nelson asked about the incident report that the council had reviewed the month before regarding an ambulatory resident who had hit another resident in a wheelchair. Ms. Hatfield said the resident has a history of this behavior and is on one-on-one. The person doing the on-on-one had left without permission and has been counseled along with the rest of the staff. All of the residents were engaged and happy. The phone lists in each home have been updated with emergency and cell phone numbers of the administrator and other key personnel. Ms. Hatfield mentioned that they have a number of residents with severe behavioral issues and are trying to work with corporate management to hopefully move some clients to other clusters.

Date/Time/Place of next Meeting: June 14, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.
Cedars Executive Center
Building B
2nd Floor Conference Room

Closed Session:

Submitted by: _____

Approved by: _____