

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

**To:** Distribution List

**Date:** Wednesday, May 31, 2006  
11:30 a.m .CST

**Place:** Sunland Training Center  
Marianna, Florida

**Chairperson:** Mr. Wallace Haber

**Members Present:** Mr. Wallace Haber, Mr. Ron Schulte, Ms. Polly Yates, Mr. Joel Pate – SAC Representative, Ms. Faith Connelly LAC Staff

**Department Staff and Guests Present:** Dr. Tracy Clemmons, Ms. Spring Southwell, Ms. Gwen Reed, Ms. Joyce Ford

**Call to Order and Introductions:** Mr. Haber called the meeting to order and asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved as written.

**Development Disabilities Community Report:** Ms. Ford brought a list of group homes in the area. Ms. Ford reported on the one time spending for consumers on the wait list. There is a \$2500 cap. They are trying to use some of these funds for consumers in nursing homes for personal items as they only receive \$35 per month. APD continues to enroll people off of the wait list. There are 241 people out of which 145 have been enrolled. There are 91 people eligible for supported employment. Some do not want to work. There are 15 people actively working, all of whom have supported employment coaches working with them.

**Sunland Report:** Dr. Clemmons reported that the autism building is coming along. They are having problems with the vendor hired to do the work at the park. Work should have been finished on May 30 and they are way behind. Right now, they are trying to get the vendor off of the property so that the park can be opened. A different vendor will start work in October. Dr. Clemmons discussed the rights of the LAC at Sunland and handed out guidelines. Sunland is an open campus and LAC has freedom of movement there. LAC members must wear their identification badge. The daycare facility will be closed in December. There are 60 children enrolled, only 10 of whom are Sunland

employee's children. The daycare building will be office space for the autism unit, especially if the unit expands. There is a house being refurbished on the property, half of which will be a hospitality house. This will give families visiting more privacy.

**Monitoring Reports:** No reports

**Membership:** There is still a need for council members in Bay county.

**SAC Report:** Mr. Pate reported that SAC is meeting by teleconference on Wednesdays. The statewide meeting is being held July 19 through 21 in Tampa. There will be a Train The Trainer session on July 18.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 27, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. CST at Sunland.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wallace Haber, Chair Faith Connelly