

**SERVICE AREA 15
MANASOTA MULTI-PROGRAM
LOCAL ADVOCACY COUNCIL**

*Serving the residents of Sarasota, Manatee and,
DeSoto County*

Special Olympics Gene Whipp Center
910 Gulf Coast Blvd.
Venice, FL

August 3, 2006

Members Present

Barbra Bartz, Chair
Rainer Kroll
Anne MacConnell
Christine Sanford
Margaret Riggall

Members Absent

Betsy Roberts
Fred Shattuck

Staff Present

Penny Vallario, LAC staff support

OPEN SESSION

Call To Order & Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Bartz at 10:20 AM and a quorum was established.

Agenda:

The agenda was accepted by all members present.

Minutes:

The minutes for 6/1/06 were approved by all and signed with one change.

Monitoring Reports

There were no monitoring reports at this time. Staff provided council with the latest approved monitoring form. Staff explained to council that there are two form letters that will be used after each monitoring. One letter is for favorable findings and the other is for unfavorable findings. The council were delighted with the one-page monitoring form.

SAC Report

Ms. Busbee was unable to attend this meeting.

Chair's Report

Ms. Bartz gave the council her animated SAC meeting presentation. All enjoyed her creativity. In her presentation she discussed the struggle to maintain seven members in the council, the struggle to receive complaints and reports, and the struggle to keep staff. Through it all, however, Ms. Bartz emphasized that the Manasota LAC is still alive and well and ready to do their important advocacy work with a full council and staff onboard.

The Work Plan was also discussed by Ms. Bartz and it was presented at the SAC meeting as well. Ms. Bartz asked staff to locate the form and send to her for the next meeting.

Ms. Bartz shared the new SAC per diem, meals, and mileage rates with the council. The breakdown is:

Old rate		New rate	
Per diem	\$ 50.00	Per diem	\$ 80.00
Breakfast	\$ 3.00	Breakfast	\$ 6.00
Lunch	\$ 6.00	Lunch	\$11.00
Dinner	\$ 12.00	Dinner	\$19.00
Mileage	\$.29 per mile	Mileage	\$.445 per mile

Staff Report

Southwest Regional Manager, Penny Vallario, reported that a new staff person will begin working with her on 8/4/06. Ms. Vallario provided the budget reports for 05/06 and 06/07, LAC Work/Activity Log, Complaint Logs for 05/06 and 06/07, personalized travel reimbursement forms, new monitoring forms and the membership listing for corrections.

Old Business

Betsy Roberts and Christine Sanford still need ID cards. Staff will make as soon as pictures are provided.

New Business

The council discussed the importance of getting acquainted again with the mental health facilities so that the baker acts can be monitored more closely. Anne MacConnell will be heading up that effort.

It was agreed by all that additional efforts are needed to get the community involved in the LAC's advocacy ie, FACT team, APD, and Substance Abuse. An effort can be made to invite these factions to the LAC meetings and also to start attending meetings that LAC members are invited to. When a LAC member attends a meeting, Ms. Bartz would like members to bring a report to the monthly meeting so that all may learn from the experience.

CLOSED SESSION

Next meeting will be held at 10:00 am on September 12, 2006, at Gene Whipp, 910 Gulf Coast Blvd. Special Olympics building, Venice.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved By:

Penny Vallario, LAC Staff

Barbra Bartz, Chair