

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

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Date/Time: Wednesday, October 11, 2006
8:30 a.m.

Place: Cedars Executive Center
Tallahassee, FL

Chairperson: Lou Ogburn

Members Present: Ms. Laura Newton, Ms. Candi Nelson, Ms. Lou Ogburn, Ms. Renee Llewellyn, Mr. Fred Radcliffe, Dr. Mary Riordan, Ms. Sally Search, Ms. Kim Watson, Ms. Faith Connelly – Local Advocacy Council Staff

Members Absent: Ms. Sue Loftis, Mr. Jay Starling, Ms. Bernice Stokes

Staff and Guests Present: Ms. Cheryl Smith, Mr. Hilton Akins, Ms. Gina Schouest

Call to Order and Introductions: Ms. Newton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved.

Developmental Disabilities Report: Ms. Smith reported that they are working with a group for affordable housing with supported living. Ms. Newton asked why the budget was cut and Ms. Smith stated that it was a legislative decision. There was a discussion regarding how other states still have control over the residents and there are more “state” beds. Florida is more privatized.

Transportation: No problems reported.

Health Quality Assurance Report: No report.

Monitoring: Dr. Search made an unannounced visit to Mahan on a Saturday morning. The staff in the main building were all relatively new to the job. The staff was courteous and friendly. Four of the residents were on tube feeding and were unattended. All had diarrhea and the nurse reported they had all had a laxative the night before. The lack of communication was a concern. The rooms were clean however the bathrooms were smelly.

In House B, the staff members were very busy with the residents. The main areas of the house were clean and were the bathrooms and bedrooms.

House A was also engaged in activities. The staff in this house were also new but all appeared to be doing their best job under the circumstance.

In all houses, there did not appear to be clear lines of supervision. Dr. Search will return for a weekday visit.

Ms. Ogburn visited TDC and said that all was well. Mr. Radcliffe is doing a great job.

Statewide Advocacy Council: No report.

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

Closed Session:

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

Approved by: _____