

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

**To:** Distribution List

**Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2006  
11:30 a.m .CST

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

**Chairperson:** Mr. Ron Schulte

**Members Present:** Mr. Wallace Haber, Ms. Sharon Macaluso, Mr. Lowell Centers, Mr. Joel Pate – SAC Representative, Ms. Faith Connelly - LAC Staff

**Department Staff and Guests Present:** Mr. Russell Register, Ms. Spring Southwell, Ms. Joyce Ford, Ms. Gwen Reed, Ms. Sharon Ray, Dr. Tracy Clemmons

**Call to Order and Introductions:** Mr. Haber called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

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

**Development Disabilities Community Report:** Ms. Ford reported that the five year initiative for supported employment is going into year three. People are working and the program is doing well. Funding has been found for waiver slots statewide. 250 children are being served.

**Sunland Report:** Dr. Clemmons reported that all is going well. The Fall Festival is this coming weekend. The autism unit is finished, they are just finishing up some loose ends. Two miles of boardwalk at the park are being redone in order for wheelchairs to have a smoother surface. 2800 people visit the park annually. There was a discussion about the lack of lobbyists for the DD population.

**Monitoring Reports:** No monitoring reports

**Membership:** There is still a need for new members, especially in the Panama City area.

**SAC Report:** There is a SAC meeting on November 14 & 15 in Singer Island. The training and procedures are being updated. Mr. Haber suggested SAC look into getting more funding for DD people and support from the State house.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 12, 2006. 10 a.m. CST tour of new autism unit with council meeting to follow.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ron Schulte, Chair Faith Connelly