



agency for persons with disabilities
State of Florida

APD PROVIDERS / SUPPORT COORDINATORS JOINT MEETING
Thursday February 19, 2009 9:30 A.M.
401 NW 2ND AVENUE, SUITE N-1011, MIAMI, FL 33128

AGENDA ITEM	ISSUE / DISCUSSION	ACTION / FOLLOW UP
I. CALL TO ORDER	Meeting began at 9:36 a.m. Mr. Kirk Ryon welcomed everyone in attendance.	
II. STATE / DISTRICT AND APD UPDATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• APD staff introduced themselves. Ms. Evelyn Alvarez was not in attendance due to jury duty.• Meeting was opened to guest speakers from Children's Mental Health (CMH) and Adult Mental Health (AMH) and substance abuse programs. Lourdes Jackson, Residential Program Manager of CMH and Emery Cowan, AMH Coordinator presented overviews of the various programs and systems of care within CMH and AMH. Brochures and handouts were given, to include several agencies that provide needed mental health and substance abuse assistance.• Mrs. Marcie Brittain encouraged providers to register for the available training classes. Benefits Planning training was available and only two people were in attendance. If providers register for a training and will not be able to attend, please call to cancel or reschedule, as a courtesy, so that others may have the opportunity to attend. Train the trainer for Core Competency and Zero Tolerance training materials are now available.➤ The Family Care Council needs families and consumers. Those who are interested in applying, contact Marcie via phone or email to receive and submit applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ For more information about the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, please contact Evelyn Alvarez at (305) 349-1478.

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UPDATE

- If any provider has a consumer that needs a collapsible walker, please see Marcie in her office, first come first serve.
- Buckley Park is offering community services for their Hialeah residents, to include arts and crafts, water exercise, ceramics, etc. Flyer announcements were distributed.
- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** OPS Employment Coordinator within the APD office under the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG). Must have Bachelor's degree, 2 years experience with persons having developmental disabilities. All interested parties should submit their resume for consideration by March 2, 2009 to Carolyn Eleby, POA.
- Mrs. Maria Springer reminded WSC's that crisis tools are no longer needed or completed for consumers that are on any tier. Please follow the protocol that has been sent out and refer any questions to Ms. Hillary Jackson.
 - Clean-up is being done on the GR consumer cases to prepare for QSI completion. There will be interagency trainings with DCF Mental Health, CBC, and DJJ departments to provide resources for you, consumers and families.
- Ms. Sharon Powell informed that February is heart month. A malfunctioning heart affects the quality of life, both emotionally and physically. It is important to take care of your heart. Point reminders were given such as walking, eating high fiber foods, adequate rest, etc. Meds costly? Visit www.freemedicinefoundation.com to assist with discounted and free medications. Thank you to Soby Group Home for the resource!
- Mr. Kirk Ryon announced Delmarva achiever and high scorer: Congratulations to United Cerebral Palsy group home!
 - Some city or county entities are requiring Group Homes to have operating or business permits or licenses. This practice is not allowed as Chapter 419 exempts group homes from having permits as they are considered family homes if under six beds. Please call Kirk to report such incidences.
- Ms. Hillary Jackson introduced new QSI staff: Pinkie Thomas, Maria Marrero-Diaz; waiver staff: Fred Victor; and position change: Tangela

Finley, AAI.

- WSC's and providers are reminded that when attending training, documentation and hours should be maintained for your own records.
- Provider meetings should be attended regularly and is being monitored. It is critical to be in attendance to ensure receipt of accurate information and not relying among your peers, which might lead to misinformation.
- Emails should be checked frequently and on a daily basis. Non-responsiveness will be addressed accordingly. Your lack of responsiveness to the APD office will bring about questions regarding your responsiveness to other parties and/or your consumers and families.
- Please use a cover sheet when sending faxes and only send the fax **once**.
- Email to Hillary Jackson any questions, agenda items or topics related to AHCA (Medicaid) in order to assist with the presentation that will be given at the next provider meeting.
- There have been 454 hearing requests for rebased consumers. A listing will be provided for the consumers who have not been rebased and for those who are over the tier-cap.
- CDC+ consultants have received an email concerning 13 Area 11 consumers who had incorrect rebasing information. A new hearing will need to be requested for those consumers. Services will not be continued until a hearing is requested. Any 2nd rebasing CDC+ consumers need new Purchasing Plan.
- 147 consumers were over the tier-cap. WSC's should give a clarification about why the consumer is over the tier-cap. The cost plans must be amended by 02/20/09 @10:00am. Non-compliant WSC's should be terminated per Central Office in Tallahassee.

	IMPORTANT: OUR ON-CALL PHONE NUMBER IS 305-299-3366.	
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III. ADJOURMENT	Meeting adjourned at 10:56a.m.	
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ATTENDANCE: Natalie Jordan, Mario Valdes, Yolande Florestant, Luis Cruz, Maria Castellanos, John Mazarella, Natalie Viera, Maria Morales, Karen Knoblock, Cristiana Robaina, Viveen Henry, Kevin Brown, Carmen Calderon-Roberts, Isis Espino, Teresa Lewis, Gustavo Rodríguez, Irene Khoury, Monica Martinez, Betty Seltzer, Enrique Molina, Ivette Sotomayor, Manuel Achong, Estela Lynch, Kristy Fonseca, Laura Vinent, Susan Windrem, Ally Jalice, Jaime Levin, Jasmin Sanchez-Delgado, Sarah Cartaza, Cynthia Saulan, Maureen Winter, Anthony Spicer, Natalia Vieira, Jacques Thompson, Erika Diaz, Rene Gomez, Teresa Crescenzo, Penélope Parr, Suzette Fanor, Thomas Fleischmann, Joel Dantes, Isabel Rojas, Xiomara Benavides, Haydee Milian, Rebecca Freeman, Elsbeth Arce.