

**AREA 3 STEERING COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP
MEETING MINUTES –WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2006**

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Attendance:

Steering Committee Member Present: Shelley Voelker (FCC Member);
Fred Pratt (Consumer/Self-Advocate); Corie Chae (Waiver Support Coordinator)

Advisory Members: Dick Bradley (Alachua ARC); Alice Reshard (AHCA);
Larry Smail (Waiver Support Coordinator); Brenda Sweat (Service Options
Unlimited); Jeffrey Frazier (Waiver Support Coordinator);

Absent Members: Linda Butler; Diane Clark; Loretta Clark; John Conneely,
Jimi Daniels; Joyce Daniels; Lucy Degenhardt; Mary Habig; Mike Hutley; Peter
Johnson; Angela Jones; Bobbie Lake; Meribeth Larsen; Jane McFarland;
Melinda Morrison; Patrick Mulvihill; Mick Royal; Jim Smith; Terry Smith;
Cynthia Tyson; Jim Whittaker

Others Present: Vernita Hughes (AQL Leader); Delores Robinson (APD);
Sandra Cooper (APD)

This was the thirteenth meeting of this committee.

Introduction: Mr. Pratt opened the meeting by asking for announcements.

Announcements:

- IQC meeting September 20-21, 2006 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida. Agenda has not been received. Reservations should be made immediately.
- Family Care Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 24, 2006 @ 4:30PM in the APD Conference Room.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes reviewed for July 19, 2006 meeting. Motion to accept and approve the minutes.

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Subcommittee Report: The subcommittee group provided feedback from their August 9th meeting. The committee has been exploring ways to promote the "Right of the Month". The Area 3 Administrator advised there is very little budget money available to fund this project. Therefore, the committee is seeking other alternatives for funding.

The subcommittee also discussed the Personal Outcome Measures as identified in the Family Care Council Family and Friends Newsletter. A copy of the newsletter was distributed to the group. Information on "Rights" was also included in the newsletter.

Kick-Off Event for Right of the Month: The kick-off for the "Right of the Month" will be posted on the website. Information about the right of the month and upcoming rights will be posted. Links to website and changes that must be incorporated monthly were discussed. Discussion of promotional activities such as bracelets, posters and videos to promote the right of the month. Suggestion to provide a list of the "Right of the Month" for the next 10 months. The list provided by the group is:

September 2006 – "Right to Respect"

October 2006 – "Right to Vote"

November 2006 – "Right to Choose Where You Live"

December 2006 – "Right to Practice Any Religion"/"Right to Participate in Life in the Community"

January 2007 – "Right to Choose Daily Routine"

February 2007 – "Right Spend Time with Friends of Choosing"

March 2007 – "Right to Keep and Use Own Money"

April 2007 – "Right to Privacy in Daily Living/Communications"

May 2007 – "Right to Be Protected from Abuse/Neglect'/Right to Feel Safe in Homes/Community"

June 2007 – "Right to Live as Self-Reliant/Self-Directed"

July 2007 – "Right to Free/Appropriate Education"

Committee discussion of ways to simplify the information posted on the website in a language that is understandable to the people we serve. There was also a concern about stigmatizing the consumers by using the word "disabilities or disabled".

The "Right of the Month" will officially kick off in October. Mr. Frazier will check on the possibility of having music equipment donated for use for the celebration. Mr. Pratt will check on the availability of the use of a city park. A designated time for the kick-off is 11AM until 1PM.

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Discussion about inviting guest speakers to participate as a part of this event.
The kick-off date for the celebration is October 12, 2006.

Agenda for Next Meeting/Future Meeting Date

The next scheduled Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday,
September 27, 2006 from 3:00PM until 5:00PM in the APD Conference Room.