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*State of Florida*

**AREA 3 STEERING COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP  
MEETING MINUTES –WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007**

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**Attendance:**

**Steering Committee Member Present:** Fred Pratt (Consumer/Self Advocate); Jim Smith (APD); Cynthia Tyson (APD)

**Advisory Members:** Jane McFarland (APD); Alice Reshard (AHCA); Larry Smail (WSC)

**Absent Members:** Dick Bradley, Linda Butler, Corie Chae, Diane Clark, Loretta Clark, John Conneely, Jimi Daniels, Joyce Daniels, Lucy Degenhardt, Jeffrey Frazier, Mike Habig, Mike Hutley, Peter Johnson, Angela Jones, Bobby Lake, Meribeth Larsen, Melinda Morrison, Patrick Mulvihill, Mick Royal, Terry Smith, Brenda Sweat, Shelly Voelker, Jim Whittaker

**Others Present:** Vernita Hughes, (APD); Sandra Cooper (APD); Synester Rollins (APD); David Basker

This was the twentieth-fourth meeting of this committee.

**Introduction:** Mr. Smith opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

**Announcements:**

- Jim announced October is Disability Awareness Month and October 17 is the National Disability Mentoring Day. Several Area 3 people we serve are participating with businesses in DMD.
- Jim provided brief summary of the Legislature Special Session relating to the APD budget.
- Strategic Planning Workshop – October 31, 2007 at Staff Development for Areas 3, 4, 13 and Tacachale. Jim explained the purpose of the workshop. The meetings will be held at the following times:
  - 9:30AM-12:00PM – Stakeholders
  - 1:30PM-3:00PM – StaffPre-register with Delores Robinson. Space is limited.

Mr. Basker asked for clarification on the changes with the Waiver Support Coordination services. Mr. Smith explained the changes. The fair hearing process was also explained.

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#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to accept and approve the minutes of August 22, 2007 with the no changes.

#### **Right of the Month**

- Vernita informed the committee that out of the approximately 150 surveys sent to providers, only 4 responses were submitted.

#### **Delmarva Data Update**

- Data received from Delmarva on October 1, 2007 provides data through June 2007.
- In response to reports provided by Delmarva, the agency is pursuing recoupment from those providers that have been identified by Delmarva. Twenty-four providers have been identified whose consultation has been completed since January 1, 2007. Another 6 more will be added from the new information received from Delmarva. APD staffs are scheduled to receive training in FMMIS which has caused delay with the recoupment process.
- APD is looking very closely at recoupment. Medicaid also has a team of people that conduct unannounced Operation Spot check visits in order to deter Medicaid fraud.

#### **Membership-Future Direction**

- Tabled for the November meeting. Members discussed the possibility of changing the meeting times to quarterly meetings. Also seek to replace those members who are not participating.

#### **Selection of Chairperson**

- Tabled for November meeting.

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**Agenda for Next Meeting/Future Meeting Date:**

Agenda items to be included for the next meeting are:

- 1) Introductions/Announcements
- 2) Approval of Minutes
- 3) Delmarva Data Update/Recoupment
- 4) SCORES
- 5) Membership – Future Direction
- 6) Chairperson Selection

**The next scheduled Steering Committee meeting will be held on  
Wednesday, November 14, 2007 from 3:00PM until 5:00PM in the APD  
Conference Room.**