

**Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc
Health Care Task Force Meeting Minutes**

January 25, 2008

Members Present:

Chris Drummond	Susan Redmon	Phyllis Sloyer	Michael Smith
David Wood	Carol Scoggins	Sandra Sroka	

Members Absent:

Jeff Brosco	Karmel McCarthy
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Staff Present:

Vanda Bowman
Debbie Richards

Participant by Conference Call:

Beth Kidder
Will Blechman

I. WELCOME and REVIEW of AGENDA & MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Dr. Wood. The Task Force members were asked to introduce themselves. Dr. Wood asked for review of the previous meetings minutes from the November 2, 2007 meeting.

MOTION: Sandra Sroka motioned to approve the minutes from 11/02/07. Michael Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II. OLD BUSINESS

PRESENTATION

Access to Health Care

Allyson Hall gave a presentation on the Access to Health Care project from the University of Florida. Recommendations from the task force were for the provider to add more information about children with special health care needs, more info about ADA, and more on what other countries are doing.

Revised Definition

Celeste Putnam provided an update on the Revised Definition of Medical Necessity contract. It was pointed out that the process of determining medical necessity is as important as the definition. There are six different ways to determine necessity in FL through the waiver, original Medicaid services, Insurance Commissioner's Office, APD wait list, and school health services. The scope of services is easy to measure – they are either there or not there. However, duration and frequency is what causes problems, especially for private duty nursing and res hab services. This is compounded by the failure to align rates between the waiver and state rates. It was suggested that we may want to align definitions along with Medicare definitions which include seniors and politically active groups such as AARP to define services in a way that includes prevention, maintenance, and restoration (progress). Waiver services used to define services by being necessary to live in the community and would be approved for functionality and avoidance of institutionalization. Ms. Putnam made suggestions for strategies and next steps which were discussed later in the meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Legislative Priorities

Debbie Richards stated that Margaret Hooper was still working on the priorities. Some of the priorities were in the binder for Task Force members to review.

Medicaid Buy-In

Debbie Richards reported that this project was going well and was listed as a priority. The website was designed and created for the Medicaid Buy-In (information in binders). The group had a sponsor from the House of Representatives and is looking for a sponsor from the Senate.

SOHIP

Debbie Richards reported that the group was doing well with the project. It was stated that SOHIP works with special needs workgroup in providing support.

Florida Office on Disabilities & Health (FODH)

The Letter of Agreement (LOA) was approved for funds for the State Office on Disabilities and Health. These funds were issued to assist in increasing the number of stakeholders attending their annual meeting. Some of the Task Force members will be attending this meeting along with other council members.

State Plan

Included in the binder were the State Plan Goals and Objectives as written as well as proposed revisions that combined and condensed some of the areas. The task force reviewed the documents to make sure all of the original areas were still covered and suggested several modifications to the proposed revised document. It was also proposed that we work with the other task forces to collaborate on ideas. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea. Specific modifications were discussed. Staff will make the changes on the document and e-mail to the task force. Everyone agreed to the modifications.

MOTION: Phyllis Sloyer motioned to accept the two goals with recommended changes. Susan Redmon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOTION: Sandy Sroka motioned to accept the goals and objectives as discussed with recommended changes. Chris Drummond seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resource Members

A discussion was held regarding addition of new resource members. There can be one less resource members than council members. With the addition of one new council member and Susan R. moving from a resource member to a council member, the task force is now in a position to add two new resource members if desired. Chris Drummond recommended Karyn Rogers as a resource member. The following persons were also discussed as being added as resource members to the Health Care Task Force: (1) Bruce Fogal (Health Economics @ Univ. of FL and (2) Becky McGuire or someone from APD. There was also suggestion of adding someone from the health side of education. It had also been discussed to add language or occupational therapists or others who could assist the task force in furthering the agenda's projects. It was decided that staff would compile a list of possibilities which could be discussed at the next meeting and voted on if desired.

MOTION: Sandra Sroka motioned to compile a list of resource members. Chris Drummond seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. BUDGET UPDATE

Debbie Richards detailed information on the budget. The following information was discussed: (1) \$91,250 was added to the task force budget at the December Council meeting. This makes the 2008 task force budget approximately \$324,063; (2) of this amount, \$230,813 still needs to be obligated. \$93,250 are already planned for (the HC Transition Strategic Plan and task force travel); (3) there is \$80,814 of '07 that must be obligated by 08/08 due to cancellation of the Medication Pilot Study and movement of funds between fiscal years. Any '07 funds not obligated by 08/08 will not remain with the task force.

Potential projects were reviewed for funding recommendations.

The APD waiting list was discussed at the last meeting. It was decided that we would offer APD assistance with doing a survey of individuals on the waiting list to identify their needs. It was decided to ask FODH to submit a proposal since they had the ability to obtain the information in time for the legislative session and already did surveys for state agencies and could obtain the necessary contact information. Their proposal was reviewed at the meeting.

MOTION: Sandra Sroka motioned that \$80,814 be allocated for the APD survey. Chris Drummond seconded the motion. Motion carried. Staff will work out the contract issues and proceed after obtaining approval from the Executive Committee. Time is of the essence as the information is needed during this legislative session.

Discussion took place regarding the Partners in Transition Summit. Some of the Task Force members had questions or concerns. Dr. David Wood stated that one of the options to be considered would be to promote the collaboration between the PIT Technical Assistance and the Transition Center. Debbie Richards clarified that the Technical Assistance contract ends in July and if continued the Task Force has to decide the amount of funds to be contributed. Furthermore, does the Task Force want to continue with the Summit, fund it or do something different with DOE/BEES in the Transition Center?

MOTION: Michael Smith motioned to continue providing the Task Force portion of \$45,000 for Technical Assistance with the specifics being determined by the planning group. Phyllis clarified the motion. Chris Drummond seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Debbie Richards detailed a proposal for a Dental Information and Training project. Funds would be used to collect materials that could be used to educate individuals with DD, families, early child care providers, and others on daily oral health care. The provider will be competitively procured and expected to work closely with SOHIP and other stakeholders to look at sustainability factors.

MOTION: Phyllis Sloyer motioned to approve up to \$70,000 with modifications suggested in terms of outcome (minimum of 3 events). Chris Drummond seconded the motion. Motion carried. Carol Scoggins abstained.

The task force discussed other line items that now had to be funded by the task forces. Enrique joined the group and informed the task force that a couple of other initiatives had already been funded by the other task forces (Pre-Card Conference day and APSE Conference).

Plans were made for the next HCTF meeting. Tampa or Tallahassee was suggested as the site of the meeting.

MOTION: Michael Smith motioned to adjourn. Phyllis Sloyer seconded. The motioned carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

The next Health Care Task Force meeting will be held on April 11, 2008 in Tampa, FL or Tallahassee, FL.