

## Minutes for 8/21/09 Interim Conf. Call

### Task Force Members present:

Jill McElyea	Enrique Escallon	Jacquelyn Needleman
Susan Gold	Lillian Sigler	Renee Valletutti
Selina O'Shannon	Sally Golden-McCord	

### Members Absent:

Bambi Lockman/Michele Polland	Jordan Knab	Sandra Osborn
Kathy Henderson	Judy Owen	

### FDDC Staff Present:

April Katine

1. April Katine updated the task force on Kathy Henderson's condition. She is doing well and begins rehab this weekend. Several task force members indicated that they have visited Kathy in the hospital or are planning to visit her this weekend.
2. April also let the task force know that Renee Valletutti will be the Interim CD/ED Task Force Chair until Kathy is recovered and can resume her Chairperson duties.
3. April Katine gave an update on Universal Education Project
  - o The provider for UE has met with April, the program manager, and the contract is being negotiated. Lillian Sigler volunteered to be the project manager. Lillian was not sure if her working for FIN was a conflict of interest. April Katine will check with Allison Cruz-Mitchell, Deputy Director and if it is a conflict Enrique Escallon volunteered to be the project manager. **Enrique Escallon moved to approve the additional \$1,850 to support the second advisory meeting for UE. Jacqueline Needleman seconded. Motion carried.**
4. April Katine explained that the ELC project is not only expanding the coaching and inclusion training to one rural school district, they are also going to provide the training on Positive behavioral supports and differentiated instruction to other early learning coalitions in the area. **Jacqueline Needleman moved to approve the additional \$10,000 to support expansion to an additional rural district. Jill McElyea seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
5. Special Project Manager, Karen Pelham explained the Inclusive Recreation Request for funding continuation proposal. Task force members had some concerns that there was not clear data presented on the number of children being included in

inclusive recreational settings. They were concerned that the focus had turned to more segregated recreational experiences. The task force asked Ms. Pelham to ensure that the focus was on including children with disabilities in the regular recreational programs. The task force asked that April Katine, Program Manager send the task force a copy of the original RFP so they can refresh themselves on what the original objectives were. The task force also asked that a part of year three be to ask Leon, Polk and future counties the following questions: How many children with disabilities were included before the project began and how many were participating in inclusive recreation at the completion of the year? The task force agreed they wanted to know this information for both included and separate programs. **Jacqueline Needleman moved to approve the \$80,000 for the year three project with the stipulations that the focus was placed back on inclusion and the data was gathered on the questions above. Enrique Escallon seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

6. April Katine gave the task force an update on the reprinting and purchasing of Publications:
  - We have received one quote for the reprinting of First Steps. The task force felt it was ok to change the binding to spiral and if the smaller company was awarded the bid to spread the printing out over three months.
  - April let the task force know that there are 800 sets of Wright's Law books at Modern Mailers and can be requested – We are encouraging lending libraries of the books(attorneys, advocates and parent support group leaders). April will send an email to the task force when they are available and up on the web for ordering.
  - April also let the task force know that the ESE Rules are ready to put out for quotes. April will be doing this in the next week or so.
7. April gave an update on the early childhood survey bids. We have received two bids and as soon as Renee Valletutti and Debra Dowds sign the procurement form April will contact the provider and write the agreement.
8. April Katine informed the task force about the problems we are having with the Due Process/504 White Paper. The provider, Mark Kamleiter is late with deliverable #3(rough draft) and #4 (final paper and copies) and the contract ends August 30, 2009. The task force felt he has had enough extensions and expressed they do not want anymore amendments written. **Enrique Escallon moved to not write any more amendments. Jacqueline Needleman seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
9. Sally Golden-McCord updated the task force on Part C Funding. She informed us that the stimulus money saved the Part C program for the next two years but after that

they are in crisis and can't continue at the level of funding without the stimulus money. They are not sure what to do and would like our help in figuring it out.

#### 10. Budget decisions (what to do with the \$84,158)

April Katine, Program Manager explained the following projects for the task forces consideration:

- A.) The Pete Wright Special Education Law and Advocacy Workshops were well received. However, they are very expensive (Peter Wright's fee and buying his books). Also, there has been some feedback that he does not include information specific to Florida and some participants have attended the same workshops (and received the same books) many times. It may be time to do something a little different. April Katine has had a preliminary conversation with Selina O'Shannon, with The Advocacy Center (who spoke to her supervisor, Ann Siegel) and the Advocacy Center is interested in presenting similar information at no cost if the FDDC would pay their travel, hotel, meeting room costs etc. An estimate for this would be \$32,158.
- B.) Move the Developmental Children's forums from October 2011 to October 2010 (\$70,000)
- C.) Assist with figuring out what needs to be done to move the Early Childhood developmental screenings along (\$?)
- D.) Collaborate with the Health Care task force who has already voted to allocate up to \$52,000 towards a workgroup to figure out what needs to happen to remedy this problem.
- E.) Investigate how the task force wants to begin working on the State Plan objective: Education (ED) Objective 1.1: At least three colleges or universities in Florida Collaborate with key stakeholders that will work towards adopting standards requiring all students in teacher education programs to take and pass classes on exceptional student education as part of required coursework. The task force discussed that they needed more information about which Universities/Colleges are including Special Education Information courses in the requirements for general education teachers. The task force suggested we have a survey done to gather this information and then this will lead to how we can effect change in this area. They thought this would take up to \$15,000 to complete this survey.

**Jacqueline Needleman moved that we spend the \$84,158 in the following manner: \$32,158 for the Special Education and Law Workshops, Up to \$37,000 towards collaborating with the Health Care Task Force for the Part C workgroup and up to \$15,000 for the survey to determine what special education preparation universities/colleges in the state of Florida are**

including in their general education teacher training. Enrique Escallon seconded the motion. Sally Golden-McCord abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

Jacqueline Needleman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 pm. Jill McElyea seconded the motion. The motion carried.