



# *Florida Center for* **INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES**

## **FCIC Community Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes**

**Webinar/Online Friday, June 19, 2020**

**11:30 am - 1:20 pm**

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**CAC Members Present:** Keith Berry, Eddie Hall, Margaret Hooper (for Valerie Breen), John Howell, Deborah Jones, Kirsten Lee (for Liesl Ramos), Danielle McGill, Wendy Metty, Keli Mondello (Chair), Chatequa Pinkston, Mildretta Williams, Shelly Baer, Kimberley Spire-Oh.

**FCIC Staff Members:** Brenda Clark, Don Kincaid, Telisha McKenzie, Elizabeth Perkins, Laura Rodríguez-López, Dan Souders, Chris Vatland, Anna Winneker.

**CAC Members Absent:** Krystal Sims (Vice Chair), Finn Kavanagh, Selina O'Shannon, Rebecca Best.

**Welcome & Introductions:** Keli Mondello (Chair)- Keli welcomed everyone on the conference call and thanked them for coming together in challenging times. Brenda Clark reviewed the names for roll call.

1. **March 2020 Meeting Minutes Approval:** Debra Jones motioned to approve; Eddie Hall seconded. March 2020 Minutes were approved unanimously. Shelley Baer missed motion, entered minor edit to Mailman Center March 2020 update.

2. **CAC Member Updates:**

**Eddie Hall-** FL SAND President, FAAST Board. Eddie introduced the FAAST program, it is a state program that is offered to assist Floridians with disabilities to help improve the quality of life. They offer funding for items like wheelchairs, lifts, stand up devices, trailers and more. The program is governed by Florida statute 413.407. FAAST has six Regional Demonstration Centers and five Regional ReUse Centers, statewide. The services offered at the centers are trainings, information on loans for devices, and information and assistance activities. FAAST offers the New Horizon Loan Program which is a preferred interest loan program to purchase devices. More information can be found at [www.faast.org](http://www.faast.org)

**Chatequa Pinkston-** Author, Founder of Hidden Treasures Ministry Outreach. Her first published book called Revival of the Love of God and three additional books are available for purchase on Amazon. Hidden Treasures provides the opportunity for persons living with disabilities to share their talents through various outreach events held throughout the year. The events include activities such as: music, singing, inspirational messages, games, food, and more. During the COVID-19, the organization provided quarantine bags to residents living in group homes and participants of an ADT in Lakeland and Tampa. Future goals are to expand across the state, partner with more faith-based organizations, and increase the number of volunteers. More information can be found at [www.hidden-treasures-ministries.com](http://www.hidden-treasures-ministries.com)

### 3. General FCIC Updates:

**Don Kincaid**-Professor, Co-Director FCIC. The FL PBIS Team had the opportunity to meet with District Coordinators to discuss their needs. Due to COVID-19 social distancing and safer at home orders, the PBIS Team made several updates by offering a Tier 1 Summer Training, adding new PBIS tabs on the website, and incorporating remote learning. PBIS has provided catalogue of resources to include webinars based on the need for schools and families. The website was update and additional modules were developed. Due to the pandemic TA chats were held 1 – 2 times per week. The dashboard was updated to allow districts to see how many schools have submitted data and how well schools are implementing data. In response to providing ongoing trainings in spite of the social distancing, trainings are virtual through Zoom platform or online course. Districts can gain access at any time to know how well a school is doing based on data. More information can be found at [www.flpbis.org](http://www.flpbis.org), [www.pbis.org](http://www.pbis.org), and [www.apbs.org](http://www.apbs.org).

**Laura Rodríguez-López** –FCIC Training Director. The department’s current focus is promoting diversity by building a Diversity Pipeline Program. This pipeline is a strategic conscious and directed effort at implementing strategies to attract students from underrepresented and underserved minorities into the behavioral health field. There are two components: Community Scholars and Graduate Scholars. The Community Scholars program which offers coaching, and on the job training, has its first trainee. Due to COVID-19, her program shifted to accessing a free web-based program designed by Minnesota UCEDD that can help young adults plan for life. Laura and Chris hope to work with CAC to be able to rollout modules created for persons living with disabilities.

As of June 2020, 45 trainees participated in the interdisciplinary training program. The trainees are representative of person with and without disabilities, diverse ethnicity and race, and across a variety of academic backgrounds. Many of the trainees have published works to influence the field. As of June 2020, the Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Developmental Disabilities graduate program have 12 students enrolled and 3 graduates this fiscal year. Periodic surveys of graduates indicate employment in fields related to underserved or vulnerable populations and persons with disabilities. Over 4,700 individuals with developmental disabilities have received direct services.

**Anna Winneker**-Project Director, PW-PBS. This program is funded by the Hillsborough County Children’s Board. The program works with teachers of preschool-age children. PW-PBS uses the Pyramid Model as a framework to help ensure the environment is inclusive and no children are asked to leave due to behavior. Teachers receive support to organize routines and improve capacity to address challenging behavior, children become problem-solvers, and parent concerns about safety and behavior are decrease. PWPBS supports 26 community childcare and childcare homes. Coaches make visits once a week to the centers to distribute materials for individualized needs. Binders are now available on the PWPBS website. Additional information can be found at <http://pwpbs.cbcs.usf.edu> and [www.challengingbehavior.org](http://www.challengingbehavior.org).

### 4. DD Network Representative Updates:

**Shelly Baer**-Mailman Center Child Development. Mailman Center using ZOOM to communicate with constituents. Anti-discrimination Training for Triage Teams, has been developed to ensure non-bias due to disability when there are resource shortages (e.g. equal access to ventilators). Additional information can be found at <http://mailmancenterforchilddevelopment.thinkific.com>.

**Margaret Hooper** - Florida Developmental Disabilities Council. FDDC is putting together a plan around supported decision making; collecting information for the new state plan; continuing with the Transportation Voucher Program; 2021 Advocacy Summit; Dual Diagnosis; and the Disaster Preparedness Summit. Expressed concern that new APD funding (additional \$ for the waitlist etc.) will be vetoed in the Governor's budget due to COVID.

**Selina O'Shannon** - Disability Rights Florida. See attached submitted update.

5. **Agency Representative Updates:**

**Wendy Metty** -Secondary Transition Specialist, DOE BEESS. Florida DOE has a webpage related to COVID-19. BEESS projects continue via online platforms, which has allowed many more stakeholders to be involved with the webinars. Graduation and Outcome Data continue to improve.

**John Howell**– Area 4 Director, Vocational Rehabilitation. VR's focus is to serve as many consumers as possible. Career camps are being offered over the summer. VR has 30% of youth living with disabilities that have been served and are currently serving 42,000 people living with disabilities.

**Keith Berry** – CAC Member. Shared that Comcast is offering internet service to low-income communities and persons living with disabilities through the end of this year. Additional information is available at [www.cnet.com](http://www.cnet.com).

6. **Telisha McKenzie** – Final roll call confirmation.

7. **Adjourn:** Eddie Hall moved to adjourn. Keith Berry second. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:20PM.

### 2020 FCIC CAC Meeting Schedule

<b>September 4, 2020</b>	<b>11:30 AM – 12:30 PM</b>	<b>Conference Call</b>
<b>November 13, 2020</b>	<b>9:00 AM- 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Virtual Meeting</b>

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November meeting specifics during the September meeting