



## MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** April 9, 2014

**Meeting held at:** Brevard Achievement Center, Rockledge

**Attendees:** Zoe Conover, Jennifer Duros, Tricia Frame, Jack Giordano, Robert Gramolini, Janean Knight, Kathy Lowe, Cathy Osaisai, Mariann Sampieri, Lynda Schucert, Linda Seegraves, Heather Theobald, Cindy Wickham, Maryjane Wysocki, Jacqueline Yearby, and Suzanne O'Neil.

**Welcome and Introduction:** Jennifer Duros opened the meeting followed by introductions.

**Mission Statement:** Read by Jennifer Duros.

**Review of Meeting Minutes:** Jennifer Duros reviewed the March minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

**Financial Report:** Kathy Lowe reported a balance of \$2,128.32 as of April 2014. The Print Shop did not charge as much for the posters.

**New Business:** A discussion was held on the planning of meetings and getting information out to members on time.

- The first presentation was given by Susan O'Neil from Eastern Florida State College on Post Secondary Education for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. The presentation included statistics on colleges with such programs. The program at EFSC did not get started this year as no applications were received. A short video was shown about a program at the University of South Florida. A discussion on how to get information to parents about these post secondary programs was held.
- The second presentation was given by Mary Jane Wysocki on APD's Employment Enhancement Program. A discussion was held on how to get on the list for employment programs. Nine people have been trained in Brevard County. Mary Jane provided the group with handouts on APD employment.
  - Mary Jane announced the Family Café will be held in June in Orlando. A flyer was available for the group.
  - APD has a website with a calendar of activities. Groups can add events to the calendar as well as resources for families: [APDcares.org](http://APDcares.org)

- The last presentation was given by Linda Seegraves. She gave an update on APD enrollments and told about the 22,000 on the waiting list. Legislation is slated to add money to help with the enrollment. The different enrollment categories were discussed.
  - Discussion was held on potential legislative information on funding for families to purchase therapies and other items.
  - A question and answer session was conducted.

**Announcements:**

- May 18<sup>th</sup> Event for Autism in Palm Bay
- Kathy Lowe has ICB posters available

**Next meeting:**

- May 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00 am
- Location in the “new” Goodwill Industries - 2250 Coastal Lane, West Melbourne (corner of I95 and 192)