# CAC Quarterly Meeting Minutes

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# June 24th,2022

# 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

**CAC Members Present:** Chatequa Pinkston, Keith Berry, Kimberly Spire-Oh, Selina O’ Shannon, Margaret Hooper, Gary Martoccio, John Howell, Danielle McGill, Mercedes Ramirez, Eddie Hall, Kent Carroll (filling in for Liesl Ramos)

**FCIC Staff Members:** Elizabeth Perkins, Lise Fox, Donald Kincaid, Christopher Vatland, Denise Barnes, Laura Rodriguez, Telisha McKenzie

**CAC Members Absent:** Krystal Sims, Debra Jones, Liesl Ramos, Shelly Baer, Wendy Metty, Mildretta Williams

**Welcome & Introductions:** Chatequa Pinkston (Chair) welcomed everyone and welcomed Danielle McGill back.

**Roll Call:** Denise Barnes

1. **March 2022 Meeting Minutes Approval:** John Howell motioned to approve; Eddie Hall seconded. None opposed.
2. **FCIC Highlights:**
3. **Lise Fox, Professor and Co-Director** – Accepted position as Chair; effective July 1st however will stay on faculty and operate her projects.
4. **Don Kincaid, Professor and Co-Director** – Will step into Director's position. Looking to retire in the next year or two. A national search for Director may happen as early as the summer.
5. **Liz Perkins, Professor, FCIC Associate Director-** Retiring February 24th, 2023. Beth Boone will be the Associate Director for FCIC. Liz will work with Beth to share important information about the DD Council and other involved entities.
6. **Chris Vatland, PBS Coordinator**–Received a small grant that will help bridge the gap between families across the state and services that are needed for families impacted by I/DD. 1 FTE for an FCIC Family Liaison is available. The position will form a hub of resources for the families.
7. **Laura Rodriguez, FCIC Training Director** – Interdisciplinary Training developed a Summer Training Speaking Series, geared towards special education administrators and educators. It is open for community members at no charge. There have been two trainings, one upcoming. Haley Moss, attorney and self-advocate will be the speaker. New and upcoming training module shared, called Self-Advocacy Module; it provides self-advocacy strategies for individuals of transition age. The Community Advisory Committee was asked to review module and provide feedback. Invitation was given to CAC members to submit proposals for the Training Series.
8. **Denise Barnes, CARD Consultant/FCIC Employment Coordinator** – Annual Employment Virtual Conference: Talent Actualized was held on April 28th. Topics and speakers were Olivia Babis - [[What COVID Has Taught Us About Employers’ Ability to Accommodate Employees with Disabilities](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mNsxF-OPrQ&ab_channel=FloridaCenterforInclusiveCommunities)](https://youtu.be/7mNsxF-OPrQ), Elizabeth Kennelly-Smith and Megan Betche, Ed.S. - [[Vocational Fit Assessment: Optimizing worker- Job Fit](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCKj58dK9xw&ab_channel=FloridaCenterforInclusiveCommunities)](https://youtu.be/tCKj58dK9xw); Jayme Joslyn Ed.D - [[Eileen Hoffman Hafer UMatter Program - Inclusive Post-Secondary Program Education](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4LqXcBDSTTI&ab_channel=FloridaCenterforInclusiveCommunities)](https://youtu.be/4LqXcBDSTTI);and Keynote Address by Kathy Davis - [Reimagining Talents and Supports: Current Realities and Future Visions in the State of Florida](https://youtu.be/782RkTPohTM)**.** Planning for next year’s conference begins in September. EVC:TA may be switched to June 2023. July 1st Purple Alert will take place; will assist with helping to recover persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Alerts can go to electronic devices. Invitation was given to CAC members to present at the Employment Conference and in Webinars.
9. **FCIC CAC Member:**

**Danielle McGill, Self-Advocate/Disability Consultant** – Shared experiences Parenting with Disabilities. She was told that because of her physicality and being a cancer survivor, she could not have children. She is currently raising an able-bodied child. Impactful discussion covered myths about PWD having children, challenges, stereotypes, health, and safety, creating adaptive equipment, self-worth, and independence. Florida has a lack of laws and services for parents with disabilities; FL Child Protection agencies are reactive but should be proactive. There may be bills coming out from legislation in the next two years. Danielle is changing perspectives by practicing innovative thinking, creative solution-finding, disability inclusive mindset and welcomes all resources. Chris Vatland will work with Danielle to help provide resources.

1. **Developmental Disabilities Network Partners:**

**Margaret Hooper, Florida Developmental Disabilities Council –** Experienced technical difficulties during the meeting.

**Selina O’Shannon, Disability Rights Florida –** Filing systemic state complaints against counties; outcomes have been successful. There are school districts that use the I-Ready program; used for reading and tracking. A complaint was filed against them for a student enrolled in program for 3 years with no gains. Transition Book and Tool Kit was presented at the Family Café. There will be an accessible online version that is in the works. Mailout versions will be available as well. Working to gather information ARP SR program, elementary and secondary relief fund; for students who may have loss educational services due to covid.

1. **Agency Representative Updates:**

**Kent Carroll, Agency for Persons with Disabilities –**filled in for Liesl. Working to become compliant and competitive with CMS filing settings rule for the Adult Day Training and Supportive Employment Initiatives; ADT Initiative compliance must be completed by March 2023. Proposing a new service called Life Skills Development; a pre-vocational service which offers non job specific training, unduplicated programming, for up to 36 months prior VR Phase One.

22K people currently on the waiting list, 950 offer letters in categories 3-5 were sent, an additional 300 will go out next week. Currently about 1500 people have been moved off the waiting list. A big change, that was already set into place by placed on hold due to covid, is that the waiver can no longer be used to pay individuals that are in segregated and non-competitive wage employment settings.

**John Howell** –, DOE got a new Commissioner, Senator Manny Diaz, Jr. as of June 1st. Post Covid Retur to work has been challenging with 23% turnover since requiring staff to return. VR numbers are high, statewide working with over 40K individuals with disabilities. Services are now being expanded to Adult Project Search Programs with hosting sites in Tampa, Clearwater, Stuart, and Palatka. New Case Management system for VR should be running by March 2023. The website [www.rehabworks.org](http://www.rehabworks.org) is being revamped.

1. **Adjourn: Chatequa Pinkston adjourned meeting. Vice President Eddie Hall will chair next meeting.**
2. **Next Meeting: Virtual, September 30th 12:00p.m. – 1:30p.m. Eddie Hall will Chair.**

**For distribution prior:**

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