

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL (GAC)  
ON SERVICES FOR AGING AND ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

Julie H.C. Bailey Training Center\*

Smyrna, Delaware

November 5, 2013

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

PRESENT: Mary Andersen, Patsy Bennett-Brown (Co-Chair), Bob Brown (Chair), Ernest Cole, Carolyn Fredricks, Suzanne Howell, Katie Macklin, Martin Markiewitz, Mary Ann Miller, LaVaida Owens-White, Lee Perkins, William Payne, Debra Veenema, Barbara Willis

EXCUSED: Milton Daves, Evelyn Hayes, Bonnie Hitch, Karen Lloyd, Jim Young

VACANT SEATS: 1) Aging Public / Non-Profit Sussex; 2) Consumer - Disabled Kent; 3) Consumer – Disabled Wilmington

DSAAPD (Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities) Staff Present: Bill Love, Director; Cindi Powell, Administrative Specialist III

GUESTS: Michelle Amadio, Director of Delaware's Health Insurance Marketplace [Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance]; Karen McGloughlin, Office of Women's Health, Division of Public Health; Ken Moore, CHEER

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review of Minutes: September 3, 2013
- III. Affordable Care Act Overview
- IV. Pathways to Employment
- V. Stand by Me+®
- VI. FY2015 Budget
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Roundtable
- X. Next Meeting: March 4, 2014
- XI. Adjourn

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by B. Brown (Chair).

II. Review of Minutes

The June minutes were accepted as written by the Council Members in attendance.

III. Affordable Care Act Overview

M. Amadio, Director of Delaware's Health Insurance Marketplace, presented an overview of the Affordable Care Act to the Council.

Points of interest included:

- The Act was passed and signed into law in 2010, and Delaware began immediately working to plan for the law's implementation. Delaware chose a State/Federal Partnership model for the implementation.
- Delaware has approximately 90,000 individuals who are uninsured, and the State estimates that up to 35,000 Delawareans will enroll for coverage through the Marketplace in the first year.
- Enrollment began on October 1, 2013 and coverage begins on January 1, 2014.
- Delaware has contracted with four organizations to provide in-person education and enrollment assistance to consumers and small businesses [Brandywine Women's Health Associates; Christiana Care; The Delmarva Foundation; and, Westside Family Healthcare.
- The Federal Government is also funding navigators to complement outreach efforts [Chapman LLC].
- The website can be located at [www.ChooseHealthDE.com](http://www.ChooseHealthDE.com)
- Questions can be sent electronically to [choosehealth@state.de.us](mailto:choosehealth@state.de.us)
- Refer to the attached PowerPoint Presentation for more details.

#### IV. Pathways to Employment

B. Love provided the following overview:

- This initiative was launched by Governor Markell and is funded by Medicaid and the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA).
- The outcome is to improve employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. The Medicaid State Plan supports funding for services and supports for persons with disabilities to obtain and help maintain successful employment, career exploration, transportation and financial coaching.
- The individuals enrolled in the program must be Medicaid eligible.
- The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) will be the gatekeeper for this resource.
- The goal is to finalize the State Plan for implementation on July 1, 2014.

#### V. Stand by Me 50+®

B. Love provided the following overview:

- The program was launched in September 2013.
- *Stand by Me 50+®* is an economic empowerment and stabilization program that will provide integrated financial coaching, benefits access and retirement planning for individuals age 50 and over.
- *Stand by Me 50+®* the widespread community problems of individuals ages 50 and older who face or have already experienced a sharp decline in income and living standards in retirement.
- *Stand by Me 50+®* will be carried out in partnership with a wide array of employer, labor, civic, non-profit and government organizations.
- The Program offers one-on-one financial coaching, workshops and use of print and internet-based materials.
- Refer to the attached program description for more details.

#### VI. FY2015 Budget

B. Love reported the following:

- The division is in the process of developing a budget for Fiscal Year 2015.

- The public hearing is scheduled for November 26, 2013 at 1:00 pm at Legislative Hall; public comment is welcome.
- The Division's budget request will focus on expanding the capacity of home and community bases services in order to reduce existing waiting lists.

#### VII. Old Business

B. Love reported the following:

- Federal funding of existing program has reduced 5% across all programs. These cuts were remediated with state funds.
- The Delaware State Plan on Aging is being implemented and an update will be provided to the Council at the March 2014 meeting.
- The Delaware State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders has been completed; this plan will be incorporated into the Delaware State Plan on Aging.
- A State Plan on the Telehealth initiative is being developed by DSAAPD, along with assistance from the Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center located at the University of Virginia.
- The Division received a \$150K grant from the Administration on Aging for the Lifespan Respite Program, as well as funding, close to \$200,000, to enhance the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

#### VIII. New Business

No *New Business* was introduced at this time.

#### IX. Roundtable

**E. Cole:** Advised the Council that he has retired as the Director of the Freedom Center; however, he will continue his involvement with the Center.

**K. Moore:** Will be attending the Department of Transportation hearing due to the drastic transportation changes that will be affecting Sussex County. Rates will be rising and services will be reduced in Sussex County. The changes to ParaTransit will be effective in March 2014. CHEER will be contacting legislators prior to the Joint Finance Committee hearings in February 2014.

**M. Anderson:** Advised that the Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens is also looking into the transportation crisis for persons with physical disabilities and senior citizens. An additional concern is the lack of funding coordination for transportation, as well as a lack of coordination for disaster preparedness for those in Sussex County.

**K. Macklin:** The final draft of the Delaware State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders is complete. In addition, there are still seats available on November 13<sup>th</sup> for a National Caregiver Education Program. Caregivers will learn the concept of self in the late-stage of Alzheimer's disease as well as learn effective ways to communicate, connect with, and provide daily care in the late stage. This program will also cover late-stage care options and explain how to access and evaluate them.

**B. Willis:** If possible, please contact Rep. John Carney in regard to voting to bring the SNAP Program assistance back to its original funding level following recent funding cuts.

**S. Howell:** Passed around a humorous t-shirt that was purchased during an open house at the Delaware Association for the Blind on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**M. Miller:** Continues to work with Channel 28. Was very interested in the Affordable Care Act presentation today and it will help her to relay this information to the community.

**P. Bennett-Brown:** Will be personally affected by the changes to the parameters for the ParaTransit transportation route in Sussex County (lives outside of the proposed change in parameters). If the changes go into effect, Ms. Brown may be unable to attend future GAC meetings since the Council meetings are not considered a 'priority' in the terms of ParaTransit.

**D. Veenema:** The Annual PNC Bank Thanksgiving Day Run/Walk for MS will be held on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**K. McGloughlin:** Advised that the LIVE Conference was remarkable; a lot of good information was shared. The Office of Women's Health hosted an art contest. The winners of the contest will be announced on December 12<sup>th</sup> at an event scheduled for the Modern Maturity Center. The Office of Women's Health is developing a 2014 calendar in which many various partner agencies will be represented. The winners of the art contest will also be represented on the calendar.

**L. Owens-White:** A mental health conference will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Double Tree Hotel in Wilmington. A memory screen for Alzheimer's disease will be available.

#### VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 4, 2014** at the Julie H.C. Bailey Training Center\* in Smyrna from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Agenda items for 2014:

Bonnie Hitch (DART) – Transportation for Seniors Overview  
Carol Barnett (DSAAPD) - Presentation on hoarding

#### IX. Adjournment

B. Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.

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Respectfully submitted 1.9.14

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