

**ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON SERVICES FOR AGING AND ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL
DISABILITIES**

**March 3, 2020
10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Modern Maturity Center
1121 Forrest Avenue, Dover, DE 19904**

Council Member	Attendance		Staff	Attendance
Ken Bock	Present		Dava Newnam	Excused
Judith Chaconas	Present		Melissa Smith	Present
Carolyn Fredricks	Present		Teresa Ritter	Present
Sheila Grant	Present		Susan Bailey	Present
Evelyn Hayes	Present		Lindy Scott	Excused
Suzanne Howell	Excused			
Katie Macklin	Present			
Robert Overmiller	Present			
LaVaida Owens-White	Present		Guests	From
Mary Lee Phillips	Present			
Belinda Strickland	Present			
Jacqueline Sullivan	Present			
Abraham Velez	Excused			
Maggie Webb	Unexcused			
Jack Young	Present			

VACANT SEATS: No Vacancies

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review of Minutes November 5, 2019
- III. Director's Update
- IV. Advocacy Committee
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Roundtable
- VIII. Next Meeting: April 7, 2020
- IX. Adjourn

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by Robert Overmiller.

II. Review of Minutes November 5, 2019

Meeting minutes were approved 8-0.

III. Director's Update

Deputy Director Smith provided the following updates:

- Thanks to those who supported us at JFC. Hearings went exceptionally well.
- Governor's budget allots for \$1.7m growth. We are looking to keep up with the waitlist, which is very fluid.
- We have signed the contract with Advancing States to have them look at the way we provide services and how we can reorganize to streamline processes and make the money work better.
- February was oversight month for the division – numerous committees. Will bring to share. Melissa will find out if there is a role that the Council can play. Question on if legislation is expected to come out.
- Non-acute medical task force will have legislative outcome-will allow temporary guardianship for those who are in a hospital that need to come out.
- JLOSC – need to draft legislation of tasks that have been approved by the committee
- SCESP plan is ready for comment and on the DSAAPD web page. You can find it here.
- Both DHCI and GBHC have received 5-star rating through CMS. We will send report out to Council.
 - Ken Bock updated the Council on the State Plan on Aging Oversight Committee. First meeting was held on February 5. Gave a review of goals and was encouraged to see the amount of community-based services and provider partnerships. Also, excited to go after discretionary funding. If any Council members have anything to take back to the Oversight Committee, please pass along to Ken. He also requested goals to be appended to minutes today.

IV. Advocacy Committee

Subcommittee has not met; did attend JFC hearings to advocate for budget request.

V. Old Business

No update provided.

VI. New Business

JS-State or other organizations applying for National Volunteer Care Corps Grant to help older adults – state and non-profits can apply for established volunteer programs looking to grow in innovative ways. She will share the link to the program with Susan to send out to Council.

VII. Roundtable

SG-Work and Save Project (state facilitated retirement savings for residents) for those who don't have employer-sponsored programs. Prescription drug pricing campaign. Two state senators were on our side but feeling pressure. Guardianship Committee – should have someone from the council on it – wants to have it more limited as the person not losing all their rights, such as money management, etc. DSAAPD is working on the temporary guardianship and making sure it is limited in scope.

SB-Gave update on Suzanne Howell.

KM-Advocacy Forum – March 22-24; she was congratulated on her new addition to her family.

CF-Saturday starts the first day of Saturday Day Services at Modern Maturity Center; will be self-drop-off as no buses will be running; looking at increasing the service to 6pm. Received money from Rollins Foundation to assist older ladies who need special funds for items such as heat, ramps, etc. Will be going to the Smyrna Adult Day Program to see if MMC can provide meals. Newspaper article about the new Smyrna Senior Center providing meals but asked on opening day if MMC could provide their meals. Met to discuss funding, facilities kitchen, current programs, etc. Currently have 10 people that walk to the senior center. Meeting with Brian Bayley from DSAAPD on Thursday to discuss the possibility of getting funding for meals. Have hired additional nursing staff for Saturday program.

ML-Difficult to find Geriatric doctors and nurse practitioners. Needs to be a guide to find these specialties. Medicare fraud issue.

JS-Thanks to Dr. Walker and Dr. Rattay regarding the updates on COVID-19. Doing some things in advance to get more shelf-stable food in preparation of shelter-in-place. Currently getting most vulnerable signed up for the Smart 911 system. Telling them to get their prescriptions renewed earlier and do friendly phone check-ins. Challenges with communication with those that are not computer-literate.

JC-Is there a place to direct an elder when they start needing services? ADRC is the starting place for any of the DSAAPD programs. Look at possibly putting in additional resources into the Guide of Services.

BS-No plan to raise para-transit bus fare. Also decided to reorganize SCAT – program hasn't been working well for years. It will now allow people to schedule for same-day service. Program will be implemented statewide and an alternative to para-transit. Public hearings for fixed routes will occur from March 3-6. Changes will occur May 17.

KB-We Care ACL Grant is being piloted now. Checking change of conditions on smart phone. Next phase will have the medical aid advocate connect to the client with services needed. Hoping to have up and operational within the next 60 days. Would like to come in and demonstrate program to the Council. Work continues on the new kitchen plan.

RO-Need to keep on top of the census to ensure people are counted to ensure monies are distributed properly. Could we set up computers in senior centers for people to use for census? Libraries are set up to assist. Beginning March 12, public will receive information from the Census Bureau regarding their PIN numbers and how to complete information. Working with DNREC to get ADA into all facilities. Sue to contact DNREC to schedule presentation to Council.

JY-Bar Association is working on setting up dementia-friendly cities. First city chosen is Dover. Program is taking place across the country –want to expand throughout Delaware. Trying to get additional funding to do so.

LOW-Delaware Ecumenical Council Awareness on health issues. NAACP interested in transit equity and climate change. Governor's Trauma Awareness Month is May – asking the Council's organizations to become involved with the May 8 kick-off and nominate a Compassionate Companion by April 14 and host your own event during May and awards on May 28. Wilmington is completing non-violent cities self-assessment. Would be happy to do some presentations for all.

VIII. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted 2/21/2020 by SKB.