

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

**March 7, 2017**

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Video Conference (2 locations)**

**1901 N duPont Hwy, Main Bldg., CR 198, New Castle, DE 19720**

**18 N Walnut Street, DSAAPD CR, Milford, DE 19963**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>		<b>Staff</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Bob Brown	Present		Lisa Bond	Present
Carolyn Fredricks	Excused		Albert W. Griffith, Jr.	Present
Sheila Grant	Present		Cindy Mercer	Present
Evelyn Hayes	Unexcused		Jackie Berger	Present
Bonnie Hitch	Present			
Suzanne Howell	Present			
Katie Macklin	Present		<b>Guests</b>	
LaVaida Owens-White	Present		Belinda Strickland	DART
William Payne	Present		Ken Moore	CHEER
Lelia Perkins	Present		Jack Young	ABA
James Young	Present			

VACANT SEATS: (1) Aging Consumer-Wilmington; (2) A Aging Consumer-At-Large; (3) Disabled Consumer-At-Large; (4) Disabled Consumer-At-Large; (5) Disabled Consumer-At-Large; (6) Disabled Consumer-Wilmington; (7) Disabled Consumer-Kent County; (8) Disabled Consumer-Sussex County; (9) Disabled Public/Non-Profit Agency-At-Large; (10) Disabled Public/Non-Profit Agency-At-Large and, (11) Disabled Public/Non-Profit Agency-At-Large.

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review of Minutes November 1, 2016
- III. Final Review/Vote of Code Changes to be sent to Legislature
- IV. Vacancies/Marketing
- V. Advocacy Committee
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Roundtable
- IX. Next Meeting: April 4, 2017

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Suzanne Howell.

**II. Review of Minutes November 1, 2016**

The minutes from the November 1, 2016 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

### **III. Final Review/Vote of Code Changes to be sent to Legislature**

Cindy reviewed the amendments made to the code on behalf of the committee to ensure all discussion was incorporated. Vote was unanimous to accept the revisions.

### **IV. Waitlist**

Waitlist continues to grow. Department has asked how many people could we help with \$1MM and \$2MM. (Old list was distributed.)

### **V. Vacancies/Marketing**

Committee reviewed vacant positions. Jim Young announced he is not returning after his term is up.

Committee discussed recruiting methods especially in Sussex County. Bill suggested the Council of Aging. It was suggested the whole committee be involved in recruitment.

Lisa suggested all information and forms to become a member of the council could be put on the DSAAPD internet web site.

Methods suggested to get information to the public about the council included: press releases, social media, public service announcements, mass email campaigns, list serves, AARP local chapters, and newsletters.

### **VI. Attendance**

Absences to meetings were discussed and how two unexcused absences could lead to the end of one's term.

### **VII. Advocacy Committee**

The advocacy group is dependent on the budget. Lisa advised that cuts will be in the new budget.

### **VIII. Old Business**

Bill asked that the code be examined to determine who can and who can't delegate services, especially catheterization.

Suzanne asked about a person referred to APS. Lisa could not discuss the case but told the group that the APS was scheduled to present at today's meeting but had to cancel. They have been rescheduled for the April meeting

### **IX. New Business**

Cindy discussed the Alzheimer's grant that will go to help fund a legal system voucher system that will help those who need legal advice and a plan in place before their disease progresses. Training for attorneys is also available as part of the grant.

### **X. Roundtable**

SH-New courses in braille have been challenging but she is enjoying learning something new.

LP-Praised Jim and all his work for the committee. She enjoyed the Alzheimer's Conference.

SG-Discussed how AARP is a voice in policy and budget.

LOW-Discussed her mission to get word about her chronic disease program through churches.

AG-AI told the group he was looking forward to working with them and propelling their initiatives.

Ken Moore (guest)-Told the group about the Memory Café initiative and what it does for seniors experiencing early stages of Alzheimer's.

KM-Spoke about the Day on the Hill on March 29 in Washington D.C. She said the Alzheimer's Association sent their annual publication which held on interesting facts and figures.

BH-Said she has taken a new position in which she will be developing transportation projects to include diversity and inclusion.

Belinda Strickland (guest)-DART is picking up new routes to transport the elderly from their home to a special destination such as a hospital.

Jack Young (guest)-Discussed his law firm's partnership in working with legislators on laws, programs, and funding. Additionally, he discussed opiate addiction and its effect on the elderly.

**XI. Next Meeting: April 4, 2017**

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

**XII. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted 3/27/17