

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

April 4, 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

Council Member	Attendance	Staff	Attendance
Bob Brown	Excused	Albert W. Griffith, Jr.	Present
Carolyn Fredricks	Present	Cindy Mercer	Present
Sheila Grant	Present	Susan Bailey	Present
Evelyn Hayes	Present	Carol Barnett	Present
Bonnie Hitch	Excused		
Suzanne Howell	Present		
Katie Macklin	Present	Guests	
LaVaida Owens-White	Excused	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 March 7, 2017
- III. Adult Protective Services Overview – Michael Serfass
- IV. Older Americans Month (May) – Cindy Mercer
- V. Vacancies/Marketing
- VI. Advocacy Committee
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Roundtable
- X. Next Meeting: May 2, 2017
- XI. Adjourn

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:18 am by Carolyn Fredericks.

II. Review of Minutes March 7, 2017

The minutes from the March 7, 2017 meeting were reviewed and, with noted changes, were unanimously approved.

III. Adult Protective Services Overview – Michael Serfass

Michael gave the council an overview of APS, reviewing the PowerPoint presentation. APS was created from DelCode Section 39.

IV. Older Americans' Month (May) – Carol Barnett

Carol gave an overview of Older Americans' Month. In process is a request for the Governor or Lt. Governor for a proclamation to announce at the May Council meeting. Carolyn Fredericks offered hosting at the Modern Maturity Center. The theme is Age Out Loud – Carol Barnett asked for council members to think about providing brief personal thoughts to bring to the May meeting (similar to DSAAPD version of TED Talks) for Age Out Loud theme. An email will be sent out later describing the premise. Only needs to be two minutes per person if people feel comfortable.

V. Vacancies/Marketing

Discussed vacancies with current code. If members wish to reapply, should do so right away. Deputy Director of Board and Commissions working through all applications for councils. Working to change the titles of marketing flyers. Numerous people have applied and are waiting in the queue. Change in the code will make a difference in the amount of members. DHSS legislative advocate is working with legislators to get the code through-we don't know how long it will take to go through. Looking for different newsletters to get the word out for openings.

VI. Attendance

Nothing to discuss. Taking off future agendas as a standing item.

VII. Advocacy Committee

Carolyn reported that Delaware Aging Network is gearing up to advocate for senior needs, especially during budget cuts. Would like to see AARP get involved.

Advocacy Committee has been quiet but agrees that focus needs to be on budget.

Also discussed senior property tax and car insurance based on any criteria they want; pushing to not allow age or credit score. Looking to see amendments on it.

VIII. Old Business

Nothing to discuss.

IX. New Business

Nothing to discuss.

X. Roundtable

BP-Main Admin Building is not ADA compliant. All buildings should be accessible.

Belinda-Cost changing for non-ADA costs on para-transit fare. Lewes Park-and-Ride for beach traffic is free but bus will have cost. Lewes are will begin having year-round bus service beginning next year.

SH-shared humorous story.

EH-conference on diabetes focus on patients and caregivers

CB-LIHEAP calendar – brought to share; to promote OAM, will research newsletters and put notices (as many as they could find)

KM-Federal Alzheimer’s Forum last week – 1300 advocates promoting most expensive disease; asked for \$414 million to promote additional research and palliative and hospice care. Sen. Coons was a co-sponsor.

Ken-Joined March for Meals with Modern Maturity Center and Meals on Wheels; with many government officials joining.

Jack-holding major program on May 5 at the National Harbor highlighting problems with opiate abuse and its effects on seniors. Would also like to partner with Katie and the Alzheimer’s Association

CF-Secretary Walker coming to the Modern Maturity Center on April 20 for the Community on Aging, which is an open public meeting. Will be sending out more information it. Thank you to Jim Young for his service to the committee.

AG-is speaking up and down the state on numerous topics but knows this is a very important topic for the Secretary.

JY-Thanks for the education received during the two terms he spent on the committee. A member needs to have particular points of advocacy, which he feels he doesn’t have. Not specific towards legislation, but marketing and educating on what we have to offer and connecting with those you know. He is leaving the council as he doesn’t have a constituency group to reach out to.

XI. Next Meeting: April 4, 2017

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

XII. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.