

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL (GAC)
ON SERVICES FOR AGING AND ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES
Julie H.C. Bailey Training Center*
Smyrna, Delaware
May 6, 2014
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

PRESENT: Patsy Bennett-Brown (Co-Chair), Bob Brown (Chair), Evelyn Hayes, Suzanne Howell, Arlene Littleton, Katie Macklin, Mary Ann Miller, Debra Veenema, Jim Young

EXCUSED: Mary Andersen, Ernest Cole, Carolyn Fredricks, Milton Daves, Bonnie Hitch, LaVaida Owens-White, William Payne, Lee Perkins, Jalpurnia Trader, Barbara Willis

VACANT SEATS: (1) Consumer – Disabled Wilmington; (2) Consumer - Disabled Kent; and, (3) Consumer - Disabled-at-Large

DSAAPD (Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities) Staff Present: Al Griffith, Chief Financial Officer; Carolyn Morris, Planner IV; Cindi Powell, Executive Secretary

GUESTS: Karen McGloughlin, Office of Women's Health

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review of Minutes: April 1, 2013
- III. Welcome New GAC Member
- IV. TeleHealth Overview
- V. DSAAPD Budget Overview
- VI. Advocacy Sub-Committee Update
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Roundtable
- X. Next Meeting: September 2, 2014
- XI. Adjourn

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by B. Brown (Chair). B. Brown thanked P. Bennett-Brown for chairing the April meeting.

II. Review of Minutes

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

III. Welcome New GAC Member

B. Brown introduced and welcomed Arlene Littleton to the GAC as a new Council Member.

IV. Telehealth Overview

C. Morris presented an overview of the Delaware Telehealth Coalition initiative for DHSS. Points of interest included:

- Telehealth is a mechanism for enhancing health care, public health, and health education delivery and support, using electronic communication and information

- Benefits include improved access to health services in areas of shortage, potential cost savings, increased efficiency and reshaping of the healthcare environment.
- DHSS is collaborating with CCHS, Nemours/A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children, Beebe Healthcare, LaRed, Bayhealth, the University of Delaware, and four divisions in DHSS (DSAAPD/DDDS/DSAMH/DMS).
- The Telehealth Roundtable brings together key stakeholders around priority health needs with the end goal of developing consensus and establishing a two-to-three year strategic action plan for advancing the adoption and utilization of telehealth as a mechanism for meeting the identified priority health needs.
- *See attached handout for details.*

V. DSAAPD Budget Overview

- A. Griffith presented an overview of the DSAAPD budget process. Points of interest included:
- The budget process is a year-round process in which the leadership team develops a draft budget for review by DHSS before submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
 - The base budget remains the same each year; only new initiatives require a request for additional funding.
 - A top budget request each year is the replacement of the current client information system.
 - There are waiting lists for personal attendant services and personal care; the wait list for housekeeping and respite are lower. Personal care and housekeeping will be merged effective October 2014.
 - Due to the current state budget outlook, all funding requests over \$5,000 are to be reviewed and approved by OMB, and all travel and tuition reimbursement funding has been ceased.
 - DSAAPD has been working hard to divert LTC patients back to their home or to the community.
 - *See attached handout for details.*

VI. Advocacy Sub-Committee Update

D. Veenema distributed and reviewed the Sub-Committee's current status report. Items for review included the Senior Trust Fund, House Bills 208, 191, 196, and 245; and Senate Bills 56 and 185. *See attached handout for details.*

VII. Old Business

The GAC will hold Chair/Co-Chair nominations at the June meeting.
(Current note: June GAC was cancelled – the nomination process will be conducted via email during the GAC recess in July and August. Elections will take place at the September meeting.)

VIII. New Business

No *New Business* was raised at this time.

IX. Roundtable

K. Macklin: The Alzheimer's walks begin in October, and the Caregiver Conference will be held in November.

E. Hayes: Suggested that the October GAC meeting be held at the Star Campus at the University of Delaware. In January 2014, the Health Sciences Complex opened on the STAR Campus, and UD's College of Health Sciences is the first tenant to occupy the renovated building. The first building houses the Nurse Managed Health Center and the Delaware Physical Therapy Clinic, The site is also home to the Delaware Rehabilitation Institute and the Delaware Health Sciences Alliance.

A. Griffith: Thanked the Council for attending the meeting.

M. Miller: Continues to take GAC information to the TV audience through Wilmington - Comcast Channel 28 on the first Sunday of each month from 10:30-11:30.

P. Bennett-Brown: The Amputee Support Group has a new group in Wilmington as of July 1st (one group in Sussex County, and one group in Wilmington).

A. Littleton: May is Older Americans Month. The Georgetown CHEER center will be celebrating 40 years of service. A 2014 Car, Truck & Bike Show will be held on June 14th from 10:00-2:00. The Georgetown Center has an adult day program for early onset dementia clients. The biggest impediment for the center is transportation. Champaign Brunch tickets are still available.

D. Veenema: Mentioned that the Delaware MS Society attended a Public Policy conference in March and one of the issues was a bill related to complex rehabilitation technology which calls for more complex technological devices such as customized wheelchairs be taken out of the DME (durable medical devices) category in Medicaid and placed in a category created for this more advanced technology. This will make these devices more accessible to consumers.

K. McGloughlin: Mentioned that the Health Care Commission is interested in putting together a sub-committee to focus on the needs of persons with disabilities. The Health Care Commission is also encouraging the public to view the website, attend meetings and contact them for assistance.

XII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 2, 2014** at the Smyrna Rest Area conference room from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Chair and Co-Chair elections will be held.

XIII. Adjournment

B. Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:50.

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Respectfully submitted 6.6.14

***Health and Wellness Center (Entrance C)**

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