

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

**September 4, 2018
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	Present
Carolyn Fredricks	Present	Laura Howard	Present
Sheila Grant	Present	Cindy Mercer	Present
Evelyn Hayes	Excused	Susan Bailey	Present
Suzanne Howell	Present		
Katie Macklin	Present		
Robert Overmiller	Present		
LaVaida Owens-White	Present		
Mary Lee Phillips	Present		
Belinda Strickland	Present		
Maggie Webb	Present		
Jack Young	Unexcused		

VACANT SEATS: (1)-Aging Person/Caregiver – Kent County
(1)-Aging Person/Caregiver – Sussex County
(1)-Representative of Veterans Issues

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Chair Elections
 - o Nominees
 - Carolyn Fredericks (volunteered)
 - Suzanne Howell (volunteered)
- III. Move November Meeting due to Election Day
- IV. 2019 Draft Schedule
- V. Advocacy Committee
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Roundtable
- IX. Next Meeting: October 2, 2018
- X. Adjourn

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Carolyn Fredericks. A quorum of 9 joined the meeting (one member arrived late).

II. Chair Elections

Elections were postponed to the middle of the meeting. Nominees were the sitting co-chairs: Carolyn Fredericks and Suzanne Howell. Both were elected unanimously with one abstention.

III. Move November Meeting due to Election Day

As November meeting is scheduled for Election Day where the State offices are closed, the council voted unanimously to move meeting to the following week, November 13.

IV. 2019 Draft Schedule

The draft schedule for 2019 Council meetings was distributed.

V. Advocacy Committee

Council recommends advocating food service programs to legislators.

Dava mentioned that the division is in the middle of the budget cycle for FY20. DSAAPD has asked for projected growth as a door opener of several million dollars. If allowed, will ask for waitlist dollars, which is still approximately \$16 million. Will refer up to current contract limits.

The department is working on advising new and returning legislators to increase understanding of what we are looking at as a whole. Council has requested for the asked dollar amounts so they can be consistent with the division in their discussions with legislators. Request to work together to make a one-page talking point document and an introductory letter to go out to new legislators.

Question was raised on when the JFC will be appointed – they will be appointed after the elections and after legislators are seated in January. Council requests a meeting on February 5 to discuss (information session only).

VI. Old Business

Medicaid is supposed to provide educational information to Council to disseminate. If DSAAPD has any information to print, let Council know.

Since new member, Maggie Webb, joined, the Council did roundtable introductions.

VII. New Business

Moved the November meeting forward a week due to Election Day. Added a meeting in February (February 5) as informational only.

Staff discussed with other councils on the ability to call into meetings. They are currently looking at changing legislation or requesting exemption of physical attendance.

Dava mentioned that two prior Council members have passed – Jamie Wolf and Tom Barlow. Jamie's services will be held September 27 from 4-7pm at Johnathan's Landing Golf Course in Magnolia. Service information will be distributed via email after the meeting.

Dava also discussed DSAAPD staffing changes – the promotion of Barnabas Kerkula to LTC Section Chief; Angie Carrow promotion to Director of Nursing; Carol Barnett's retirement; Janet Villarreal promotion and movement to DMS; Barbara McCaffery's retirement and hiring Teresa Ritter to replace her.

APS currently under audit by the Joint Sunset Review – staff will speak with legislators on challenges in a lengthy conversation. The case brought up didn't involve APS. Will let Council know what staff needs from them.

Ken Bock has someone in mind for the open member slot for veterans' issues. He will ask the person to apply online.

VIII. Roundtable

SH: Shared calendar for vision impaired.

MLP: Home for Hope – how do we help grandparents who are raising grandchildren due to addictions of parents?

LOW: Community Partnership Support Unit and how we support them

KB: Trap Pond Senior Picnic and Annual Frontier Day both hosted by CHEER

LVW-Annual Wilmington Wellness Day being held at Herman Holloway Park; September is Healthy Aging Month; the week of September 15-23 is Peace Week; Movement for a Culture of Peace is working on 2019 event, Nonviolent Cities Wilmington.

KM: September 21 is Alzheimer's Day at Easter Seals in Georgetown; Alzheimer's Walks – in Georgetown on September 29 and in Wilmington on September 20.

CF-Meals on Wheels fundraiser on September 8 at Dover Downs; the Modern Maturity Center Annual Gala is scheduled for October 13. A large church started planning for Caravan of Hope for next July – everyone that comes out will get shoes, dental checkups, resume writing help, food, job coaching. This has never been done in Delaware before. Will require financial contributions from all partners.

BS – end of Beach bus is September 9; will still have a couple of downstate buses year-round; some will have Saturday service too. Still doing Mobility in Motion (www.mobilityde.org – link to program); can ask questions. Questions raised regarding the moving of the bus stops at Rodney Square. Looking for new shelter possibilities. Timetable for train station hub is the summer of 2019.

SG-Legislation allowing hiring aids to give medicine but didn't go through by the end of the legislative session. Concern for nursing organizations and attorneys. Looking for any suggestions.

CM-DSAAPD now has a Facebook page – Council can follow us to get updates and information. We are also trying to increase followers of aging people and those with disabilities.

IX. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, 2018.

X. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:16 am.

Respectfully submitted 9/19/18.