

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

**November 13, 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	
Carolyn Fredricks	Present	Laura Howard	Present
Sheila Grant	Unexcused	Cindy Mercer	
Evelyn Hayes	Present	Susan Bailey	Present
Suzanne Howell	Present		
Katie Macklin	Present		
Robert Overmiller	Present		
LaVaida Owens-White	Present		
Mary Lee Phillips	Present		
Belinda Strickland	Unexcused		
Abraham Velez	Present		
Maggie Webb	Present		
Jack Young	Present		

VACANT SEATS: (1)-Aging Person/Caregiver – Kent County
(1)-Aging Person/Caregiver – Sussex County

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. State Plan on Aging Update
- III. Director's Update
- IV. Advocacy Committee
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Roundtable
- VIII. Next Meeting:
 - o Information Session: February 5, 2019
 - o Regular Meeting: March 5, 2019
- IX. Adjourn

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Carolyn Fredericks. A quorum of 9 joined the meeting (two members arrived late). Voice roll call was taken.

II. State Plan on Aging

Laura Howard updated the council on the current State Plan on Aging. It can be found on the DSAAPD site - <https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dsaapd/> under "Publications and Forms".

III. Director's Update

Public budget hearing is scheduled for November 14, 2018 where Secretary Walker will present the budget. The challenge is meeting projected growth; haven't been asked to make any budget cuts at this time.

Have to look at ERS and PAS individually, depending on needs – has the term "emergency" been defined by DSAAPD? Can we head off by offering services? Assessments are done on each client, but is dependent on if the client wants the service offered. Carolyn requested the number on waitlist and dollar amount. Question on who qualifies for an assessment service. Laura to follow up.

Once February budget hearings are set, staff will send out an email to council so they can advocate.

IV. Advocacy Committee

Ken Bock sent a letter of introduction to all legislators to introduce the committee. He will get a copy out to council after today's meeting. Discussion on who speaks for the homeless. The Delaware State Housing Authority would be in charge of looking for resources for them. Maggie Webb stated veteran's organizations have pushed to end homelessness, although she doesn't think it is funded by the VA. Will bring information to the group. Committee will make a list of areas of focus for advocacy – assisted devices mentioned – something to talk to legislators about what is needed. Grandparents raising grandchildren were mentioned. Come up with mission statement and set up a couple of priorities. Grant-in-Aid is another area of concern; want to monitor what is going on.

Committee set a meeting date for January 8. Would like a copy of the Secretary's presentation from the public budget hearing on anything to do with aging and physical disabilities. Delaware Aging Network has not met with DSAAPD.

Would like to see information regarding the Senior Trust Fund on the March agenda.

Concerns with Managed Care Meals – especially Mom's Meals. They are missing the point of checking in on the clients daily. Laura checked with DMMA and individuals are not often told they can use Title III meal providers, such as Meals on Wheels. There is a major disconnect in communication. MCO has to offer a choice of providers

V. Old Business

The minutes from September 4 meeting were unanimously approved.

The 2019 Council Meeting Schedule was approved

VI. New Business

No new business.

VII. Roundtable

CF-MMC Thanksgiving Feast Thursday, November 15; Holiday show November 27-29 Fundraiser

JY-PowerPoints sent to staff on Commission on Law and Aging Diminished Capacity – interesting slides – send out to committee after meeting.

AV-Service Officer-help out in any capacity. Wants to do a benefits seminar at Modern Maturity Center to help people get started or helping family work on getting benefits. Carolyn said that MMC would be happy to host.

RO-Would like to put together legislative agenda for next year. If there is anything that the committee wants brought to legislators let him know.

LOW-Working on getting a Governor Proclamation to make May Trauma Awareness Month; Week of Peace was held in September throughout the state; starting pilot in Wilmington making it a non-violent city. Anyone wants to be on planning committee let her know.

MW-Easterseals is hosting on December 4 a Caregiver Resource Center Open House from 12-7pm at the New Castle location. Assistive devices demonstrations will be held.

KM-Walk to End Alzheimer's season just ended.

EH-Symposium focusing on Substance Abuse and Addiction will be on Thursday from 12:30-4pm. CHS.udel.edu to register.

LH-Will be leaving DSAAPD end of next week to work with the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

KB-Cheer will be having their holiday feast on November 20; currently gearing up for Operation Christmas Cheer.

VIII. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Advocacy Committee is meeting on January 8 at 1pm at Modern Maturity Center. An Information Session meeting is scheduled for February 5 to discuss mission of council for 2019.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:39 am.

Respectfully submitted 1/8/19.