

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL (GAC)
ON SERVICES FOR AGING AND ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

September 6, 2016
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

PRESENT: Carolyn Fredricks; Bonnie Hitch; Suzanne Howell; Mary Miller; William Payne;
Lelia Perkins

EXCUSED: Evelyn Hayes

UNEXCUSED: Bob Brown; Katie Macklin; LaVaida Owens-White; Jalpurnia Trader; Debra
Veenema; Barbara Willis; James Young

VACANT SEATS: (1) Consumer Disabled – Wilmington; (2) Consumer Disabled – Kent; (3)
Consumer Disabled – Sussex; (4) Consumer Disabled – At-Large; (5) Consumer
Disabled – At-Large; (6) Disabled Public/Non-Profit – At-Large; (7) Disabled
Public/Non-Profit – At-Large; and, (8) Aging Public/Non-Profit – At-Large

DSAAPD Staff: Lisa Bond, Director; Susan Bailey, Executive Secretary

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review of Minutes June 7, 2016
- III. Presentation – Update to Governor's Advisory Council on Services for Aging & Adults
with Physical Disabilities Statute (29 Del Code § 7915)
- Lydia Prigg, Director & Monique Hampton, Deputy Director, Boards & Commissions
- IV. Vacancies/Marketing
- V. Attendance
- VI. Election
- VII. Advocacy Committee
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Roundtable
- XI. Next Meeting: October 4, 2016 (Video Conference Call Between New Castle & Milford)
- XII. Adjourn

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04am by Carolyn Fredericks.

II. Review of Minutes June 7, 2016

The minutes were not reviewed as they were not yet complete. Susan stated that they would be distributed for review before the next meeting.

III. Presentation – Update to Governor’s Advisory Council on Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities Statute (29 Del Code § 7915)

Lydia Prigg was unable to join the meeting. We will schedule her for the October meeting.

IV. Vacancies/Marketing

Discussion was held on the updated web page (<http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dsaapd/gac.html>) and requests for Council members to volunteer at DSAAPD/Council-sponsored tables to discuss joining the council.

V. Attendance

The Council reviewed the attendance procedures that have been in effect since April 2016. Absenteeism makes voting a challenge. Questions on whether or not other councils have decline in attendance. Lisa will try to contact other directors with councils to see if they are having attendance issues and what they have found successful in curbing it. Video-conferencing seems to work now; would be easier if we had a site in all three counties to ease attendance. Members need to generate excitement for the council. The committee previously discussed creating a governance committee to work on these items.

VI. Election

In the June election, Carolyn Fredericks was elected as Chair and Suzanne Howell was elected a Co-Chair.

VII. Advocacy Committee

The Handicapped Parking Bill (HBS 1) that was supported by the Council died in session.

Lisa suggested items to advocate this year. Meals -Lisa will be meeting with the Secretary to discuss budget plan-currently has a 3% increase with a 2% reduction. This isn't necessarily about specific legislation, but waitlists. Discuss proposal similar to Virginia, where they are discussing giving tax credits to those doing home retrofitting. In a month or so we will have a list of items that the department will support. In August, we received 150 referrals but had little to offer.

VIII. Old Business

Currently getting new software which will help gather data to track and support requests.

Want the Wait List to be a standing item on the agenda.

Council would like talking points available to use when recruiting at conference tables. Staff will complete a draft. Contact point with be Susan.

It was requested that Susan bring printed applications for membership to October's meeting.

Council is requesting the following presentations: AARP; \$tand by Me; Adult Day Program update.

IX. New Business

Carolyn and Lisa discussed setting up a conference call two weeks in advance of the meeting to discuss the agenda.

Bill Payne will discuss membership with the Sussex County Advisory Committee on Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities.

X. Roundtable

MAM-AARP Lucretia Young would like to present to the committee; sent Susan her contact information and she will schedule. Is the Wilmington Senior Center in trouble? Pledges on TV to get some money flowing towards them. They did receive some money-will check to see what else can be done to help.

LP-Likes the videoconference.

SH-Also likes videoconference.

LB-Worked with APS and received a two-year \$400,000 grant to enhance the system; primarily used to purchase APS model for the new SAMS software. This will allow us to track statistics; create outreach materials and training. We will check with Pam Williams from APS to present to the Council. Also received a \$100,000 respite grant with Easter Seals. Will share more about this at a later date.

BH-National Transportation Committee-Annual Conference this Friday (9/9/16). Would like to bring back information on senior transportation. We want to make sure we are not leaving out a population who doesn't use technology.

CH-Wilmington Senior Center has many issues keeping up with many older buildings. New director is trying to address. Big money drain with delay of receiving money from the state. Worked with DART on a wellness-on-wheels program grant – piloting program in Dover when busses are in downtime. They would work to get people to doctor appointments (5310 vehicles). Working to eliminate costs of the big buses. After 40 years, Milford Senior Center will no longer allow Milford Food-Service Program. Currently, the program that provides 120 people with meals in this area is looking to find a place. They are currently meeting with a local church. Sending out communications to churches in Kent County asking for food delivery volunteers.

XI. Next Meeting: October 4, 2016

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2016. We are currently looking for changing the date and location to have video-conferencing in all counties.

XII. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:32am.