

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

September 1, 2015

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Video Conference (2 locations)

1901 N duPont Hwy, Main Bldg, CR 301, New Castle, DE

PRESENT: Mary Anderson; Bob Brown; Bonnie Hitch; Suzanne Howell; Arlene Littleton; Katie Macklin; Mary Miller; LaVaida Owens-White; William Payne; Lelia Perkins; Debra Veenema; James Young

EXCUSED: Ernest Cole; Carolyn Fredricks; Evelyn Hayes; Karen McGloughlin; Jalpurnia Trader; Barbara Willis

VACANT SEATS: (1) Consumer – Disabled Wilmington; (2) Consumer Disabled - Kent; (3) Consumer Disabled-at-Large; and, (4) Disabled Public/Non-Profit At-Large

DSAAPD (Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities) Staff Present: Lisa Bond, Deputy Director; Susan Bailey, Executive Secretary

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review of Minutes June 2, 2015
- III. 100 Million Healthier Lives Survey – Mary Andersen
- IV. Review of By-Laws – Susan Bailey
- V. Resignation of Patsy Bennett-Brown
- VI. Nominations for Chair (remainder of Patsy's term)
- VII. Nominations to fill remainder of committee
- VIII. Advocacy Sub-Committee Update – Debra Veenema
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
- XI. Roundtable
- XII. Next Meeting: October 6, 2015
- XIII. Adjourn

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Co-Chair Arlene Littleton.

II. Review of Minutes

The minutes from the June 2, 2015 meeting were approved.

III. 100 Million Healthier Lives Survey

Mary Andersen discussed the 100 Million Healthier Lives Survey. She wanted the committee and the state know this is important. Want to ensure constructive conversations are being held on racism. The link for the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JRB8C67>.

IV. Review of By-Laws

Discussion was held on by-laws. Committee sees the need to update. Members are to review the current by-laws emailed and handed out at the meeting to all committee members and email suggested revisions to Sue Bailey before next meeting for compilation. Also might want to look at what is going on state-wide, not just division or department. Staff is ready to assist in whatever the committee needs and what they would like to focus on. Discussion was held on possibly focusing on one topic for a specific period of time.

Mary Andersen brought up two reports in newspaper regarding disabilities. These reports were written by another department, not DHSS. Ancillary issues are still a problem, not only healthcare. The committee can write to the reporting committees to ask to be involved. Possibly pull together a list of committees that DSAAPD employees are involved for the committee to give some topics of focus. Discussion will be held on 2016 focus topics at the October meeting. Review state plan on aging. Have Planning keep the Committee updated on hot topics.

All should have copy of UD Sussex Co. report-Bonnie to email.

Email all committee 2-3 points each of focus and discuss in October.

V. Resignation of Patsy Bennett-Brown

Effective June 30, 2015, Patsy Bennett-Brown resigned her position on the committee and as Chair.

VI. Nominations for Chair

Wait until all positions in Committee are filled before voting for Chair. Confirm expiration of Patsy's term.

VII. Nominations to Fill Remainder of Committee

Email people interested to Sue; staff to also send out feelers to contacts to see if people are interested.

VIII. Advocacy Sub-Committee Update

Debra Veenema can no longer lead advocacy sub-committee. As no one wants to chair – is there another council member willing/able to take charge? There is no specific job description as this is not a mandatory sub-committee. Responsibility is mostly to meet with the sub-committee and bring an update on what has been monitored to committee. A suggestion was made to possibly rotate leadership. This suggestion was proposed, seconded and approved. The sub-committee will arrange its own chair rotation. An outside (non-committee member) can come in as advisor but cannot outside people join the actual sub-committee unless they are part of the main Advisory Council. MAndersen is willing to do setup meetings, others will rotate chairing.

IX. Old Business

Bonnie-RFP for taxi service is moving forward. There's been a great deal of interest in the plan. Plans are in place to have the service up and running in January. The fare for trips up to 10 miles will be \$3/trip. To encourage people to use the new service, Personal Attendants will be allowed to ride for free (companion/caregiver). Currently searching for accessible taxis yet; looking for grant money to purchase or lease. This might take a couple of years to build the fleet. A question was brought up about Uber assistance. DelDOT is not dealing with Uber at this time; however, some transit agencies throughout the country are starting to bring in Uber. ITN America - transportation with CHEER currently charges \$1/mile and is up and running. HB200 – voted out of committee at the Appoquinimink Social Services Center – and they are ironing out enforcement. Looking for a member of advocacy committee to attend. Debra will share info. State council is independent and doesn't represent any organizations.

X. New Business

LBond: Applied and received an Alzheimer's grant; will receive \$900,000 over 3 years. Funds will be used to focus on providing legal services, respite, community living, sensor technology, emergency notification, and caregiver education to those involved with Alzheimer's. Planning team is currently working on the plan to implement. This will support the Healthcare Innovation Plan – much of the grant request was taken out of the Alzheimer's plan.

Arlene-Mentioned the Older Americans Reauthorization Act was passed by the US Senate – S. 192.

XI. Roundtable

Owens-White – On October 3, the 14th Annual Wilmington Wellness Day is scheduled. Promotes safe, healthy lifestyles through prevention, awareness, early detection, education, screenings, and interactive activities. This year's theme will focus on a community approach to violence prevention. St. Francis Hospital is putting on faith community nursing to address aging in communities.

MAMiller-her TV show has been temporarily canceled; the sponsors are letting politicians take timeframes. She is currently talking to Tom Gordon about going on his show. Another educational show (on Channel 190) has been talking with her about getting her on their show.

SHowell-Attended the American Council of the Blind Conference in Dallas; was excellent. There were 70 special interest groups.

Katie-Excited plans are moving forward. Two Alzheimer's Walks are scheduled for Delaware: Rehoboth on October 3; and Wilmington on October 17.

Arlene-September 25 is Beach Day at Rehoboth; this is a giant health fair. Also, the adult day program is filled and we have applied for license to double capacity

XII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 10:00 am** and will be held at the Smyrna Rest Area Conference Room, Smyrna, DE.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am.