

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

June 7, 2016  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Smyrna Rest Area Conference Room**  
Smyrna, Delaware

PRESENT: Suzanne Howell; Arlene Littleton; Katie Macklin; LaVaida Owens-White; William Payne; Lelia Perkins; Debra Veenema; James Young

EXCUSED: Carolyn Fredricks; Evelyn Hayes; Bonnie Hitch

UNEXCUSED: Bob Brown; Mary Miller; Jalpurnia Trader; Barbara Willis

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; and, (7) Disabled Public/Non-Profit – At-Large

DSAAPD Staff: Alfred Griffith, Deputy Director; Susan Bailey, Executive Secretary

Visitors: Eileen Sparling, Presenter  
Ken Bock, CHEER

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review of Minutes May 3, 2016
- III. Presentation – Progress of the State Plan on Disabilities and Health Equity for Persons with Disabilities – Eileen Sparling, Ed.M., Center for Disability Studies, UD
- IV. Vacancies/Marketing
- V. Attendance
- VI. Election
- VII. Advocacy Committee
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Roundtable
- XI. Next Meeting: September 12, 2016
- XII. Adjourn

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:04am by Arlene Littleton, Co-Chair.

**II. Review of Minutes May 3, 2016**

The minutes were reviewed. Suzanne Howell mentioned some typos; with those corrections made, the minutes were approved.

**III. Presentation – Progress of the State Plan on Disabilities and Health Equity for Persons with Disabilities – Eileen Sparling, Ed.M., Center for Disability Studies, UD**  
Eileen Sparling presented on the progress of the State Plan on Disabilities and Health Equity for Persons with Disabilities. Presentation is attached.

**IV. Vacancies/Marketing**

Members wanted to ensure that the suggestion of adding caregivers as potential members was entered as a change on the code.

It was also suggested that the application

link: [http://governor.delaware.gov/forms/board\\_and\\_commission\\_application-form.pdf#search=boards%20and%20commissions](http://governor.delaware.gov/forms/board_and_commission_application-form.pdf#search=boards%20and%20commissions) is sent to committee members to distribute to those they think might be interested in the Council.

**V. Attendance**

Some members want to confirm when the new detailed attendance procedure was effective- confirming at it was approved in April 2016 and was instituted beginning that meeting. At this point, two members are one unexcused absence away from having three absences in a row.

**VI. Election**

Nominee for Chair was Carolyn Fredericks and nominee for Co-Chair was Suzanne Howell. Spaces were also allotted on the ballot for write-in candidates. Both nominees were voted in unanimously 8-0. Carolyn and Suzanne will take their offices beginning September 2016.

**VII. Advocacy Committee**

Advocacy committee reviewed the minutes of their last meeting (see attached). Council wanted to know where the support letter regarding HBS1 on Handicap Parking stood. Staff had drafted a copy of a letter and sent to Carolyn Fredericks for signature and distribution. Members wanted to see a draft of final letter. Staff will get a signed copy from Carolyn to distribution to Council.

Why aren't SB 111 and SB 105 moving? They both deal with voting and we have elections coming up? Jim Young will contact the lead senator on this.

HB 349-Student Loan Debt-will assist individuals who have taken out student loans. Council has questions on effects on physically disabled and those over 50 who signed off on student loans. Think it will not pass in this session due to the large amount of money it would take.

**VIII. Old Business**

None.

**IX. New Business**

None.

**X. Roundtable**

Question was raised regarding the Wait List. Al stated that there was no new money for it (same as last time). The one percent provider increase was cut out of the budget in the last week or so.

Staff will now meet with providers to see what can be done. When the new budget opens, it will not affect the waitlist.

Reminder about the Sussex LIVE Conference at CHEER on October 19, 2016.

**XI. Next Meeting: September 12, 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 11:52am.

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Respectfully submitted 9/28/16