

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

Julie H.C. Bailey Training Center

Smyrna, Delaware

June 4, 2013

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

PRESENT: Patsy Bennett-Brown (Co-Chair), Katie Macklin, LaVaida Owens-White, Lee Perkins, William Payne, Debra Veenema, Barbara Willis, Jim Young

EXCUSED: Bob Brown (Chair), Ernest Cole, Milton Daves, Carolyn Fredricks, Suzanne Howell, Evelyn Hayes, Bonnie Hitch, Karen Lloyd, Mary Ann Miller, Linda Smith

VACANT SEATS: 1) Aging Public / Non-Profit Sussex; 2) Consumer - Disabled Kent; 3) Consumer - Disabled At-Large; and, 4) Consumer - Disabled At-Large.

DSAAPD (Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities) Staff Present: Lisa Bond, Deputy Director; Denise Weeks-Tappan, Planning Supervisor, Cindi Powell, Administrative Specialist III

GUESTS: Karen McGloughlin, Office of Women's Health, Division of Public Health; Virginia Thomas, Delaware State Mental Health Association

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review of Minutes: May 7, 2013
- III. Alzheimer's State Plan
- IV. Advocacy Sub-Committee Update
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Roundtable
- VIII. Next Meeting: September 3, 2013
- IX. Adjourn

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by P. Bennett-Brown, Co-Chair.

II. Review of Minutes

The May minutes were accepted as written with the below edits:

B. Payne was in attendance at the May meeting.

The motion to accept the minutes was made by D. Veenema, and seconded by Jim Young.

III. Alzheimer's State Plan

D. Weeks-Tappan reported the following to the Council:

- The Delaware State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease is a three-year plan.
- The draft Goals, Objectives and Strategies were presented to the Council for their review.
- Performance measures will be developed in the near future.

- DSAAPD will create a work plan to ensure that certain objectives are accomplished by a certain timeframe.
- Town hall meetings have been scheduled for the end of June to gather public comment; meetings will be held in each county.
- Final review of the draft by the State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease Task Force is scheduled for July 24, 2013.
- The draft of the Alzheimer's Disease State Plan is attached.

IV. Advocacy Sub-Committee Update

D. Veenema (Sub-Committee Chair) reported the following to the Council:

- Each member of the Sub-Committee will review a different piece of legislation, and one committee member will be present at Legislative Hall when a bill is up for review.
- A letter of support from the GAC has been drafted to all legislators regarding the importance of Senate Bill 35 for Specialty Tier Prescription Drug Coverage. B. Payne motioned for acceptance of the letter; the motion was seconded by J. Young. P. Bennett-Brown signed the final version of the letter, which will be emailed to all legislators (copy attached).
- The Sub-Committee will support the Center for Disabilities Studies in determining which Delaware physicians are equipped to treat a person with disabilities.
- An Advocacy Sub-Committee status report was distributed to the Council (see attached).
- The next Advocacy Sub-Committee meeting is scheduled for June 19th at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover.

V. Old Business

No *Old Business* was discussed.

VI. New Business

No *New Business* was discussed.

VII. Roundtable

B. Willis: The August Quarterly Festival will be held in Wilmington during the month of August. It commemorates the Nation's Oldest African American Festival celebrating religious freedom, freedom of speech and the right of assembly, as well as the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the festival. There will also be recognition of the oldest African American Church in Delaware. The festival is held at the Harriet-Tubman Riverfront Park in downtown Wilmington.

L. Owens-White: Raised the awareness of the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) in Delaware. This program is provided by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and helps to reduce energy costs for low-income households by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes. In addition, the program makes people's homes healthier, safer, and more comfortable. There are funds available for all three counties. An energy audit is conducted on homes in need. Please refer to the DNREC website at:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/energy/services/otherservices/Pages/WAP-HomeF.aspx>

K. Macklin: Public hearings are scheduled for public comment on the Delaware State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease. Meetings will be held in each county in mid-June.

D. Weeks-Tappan: Thanked the Council for their review and input on the Delaware State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease, and encouraged Council members to attend the public meetings, if possible.

L. Bond: DSAAPD has submitted applications for three grants: 1) Legal Services; 2) Respite Services; and, 3) Senior Medicare Patrol. L. Bond will provide an update on the grants when the Council reconvenes in September.

J. Young: Pleased that the Advocacy Sub-Committee has been formed. It is a worthwhile and needed committee.

P. Bennett-Brown: Expressed her thanks to the Council for being able to conduct the meetings as the Chair during B. Brown's absence.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 3, 2013** at the Julie H.C. Bailey Training Center* in Smyrna from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

IX. Adjournment

P. Bennett-Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:10 pm.

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Respectfully submitted 7.11.13

***Health and Wellness Center (Entrance C)**

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