

Council on Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities

REVISED Agenda

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Modern Maturity Center, East Wing Conference Room 1121 Forrest Ave., Dover, DE 19904

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review of Minutes April 2, 2019
- III. Delaware Code Re: Chairperson Discussion (see attached code)
- IV. Director's Update
- V. Advocacy Committee
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Roundtable
 - IX. Next Meeting: June 4, 2019
 - X. Adjourn

§ 7915 Council on Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities.

- (a) There is established the Council on Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities.
- (b) The Council on Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities (the Council) shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Division of Services for the Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities and shall consider matters relating to the formation of local community councils for the aging and for adults with physical disabilities, programs and projects in this State to benefit the aging and adults with physical disabilities and such other matters as may be referred to it by the Governor, the Secretary of the Department or the Director of the Division of Services for the Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities. The Council may study, research, plan and advise the Director, the Secretary and the Governor on matters it deems appropriate to enable the Division to function in the best possible manner.
- (c) The Council on Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities shall be composed of 15 members. Members shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of up to 3 years. The terms of the Council members shall be staggered in such a manner so that the terms of no more than 7 members expire in 1 year. The Council shall consist of the following:
 - (1) Three members, each being a resident from a different county in this State and an aging or elderly person or a caregiver of an aging or elderly person as defined in § 7920 of this title.
 - (2) Four members, each being from a public or nonprofit agency that provides services to aging persons.
 - (3) Three members, each being a resident from a different county in this State and an adult with a physical disability or a caregiver of an adult with a physical disability as defined in § 7920 of this title.
 - (4) Four members, each being from a public or nonprofit agency that provides services to persons with physical disabilities.
 - (5) One member who represents veterans' issues.
- (d) The Council membership shall be composed of representatives in the following areas: aging persons, representatives of public and/or nonprofit agencies that serve aging persons, persons with a physical disability, low income older persons, low income persons with a physical disability, minority older persons, minority persons with a physical disability, veterans' affairs, and representatives of public and/or nonprofit agencies that serve adults with physical disabilities. Each Council member can be representative of more than 1 area, but no Council member shall be representative of more than 3 areas.
- (e) Members of the Council shall serve without compensation, except that they may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incident to their duties as members of the Council.
- (f) A Chairperson of the Council shall be elected annually by the members of the Council from among its members, except that the office shall rotate between representatives of the aging community and representatives of adults with physical disabilities. In its first year of operation, the Council shall be chaired by a representative of the aging community. In its second year of operation, the Council shall be chaired by a representative of adults with physical disabilities. Thereafter, the chairperson shall alternate and shall serve a 2-year term. A chairperson shall be eligible to serve 2 nonconsecutive terms.
- (g) Any replacement appointment to the Council to fill a vacancy prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled for the remainder of the term.
- (h) Members who are absent from more than 3 consecutive meetings, unless excused by the Council, shall be discharged from the Council by the Council Chairperson.

- (i) The Council may establish subcommittees and make appointments to any such subcommittees with the approval of all members of the Council.
- (j) A quorum of the Council consists of a majority of the council members.
- (k) All decisions made by the Council relative to policy and budget shall be made by a majority of the members present at a meeting with a quorum. Staff assistance shall be given to the Council and any subcommittees.

§ 7915A Appointments to advisory commissions, boards and committees involved with the elderly.

The Governor, when making appointments to any advisory commission, board or committee, created by this chapter, which does or may have jurisdiction over or advisory status with state assisted activities for the elderly, shall appoint at least 1 senior citizen. For the purpose of this section a senior citizen shall be a person who was 62 years of age or more on his or her last birthday.