

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SERVICES FOR AGING AND ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

June 2, 2020
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Via Zoom

Council Member	Attendance		Staff	Attendance
Ken Bock	Present		Dava Newnam	Present
Judith Chaconas	Unexcused		Melissa Smith	Present
Carolyn Fredricks	Present		Teresa Ritter	Present
Sheila Grant	Present		Cindy Mercer	Present
Evelyn Hayes	Excused		Lindy Scott	Present
Suzanne Howell	Excused		Susan Bailey	Excused
Katie Macklin	Present			
Robert Overmiller	Present			
LaVaida Owens-White	Excused		Guests	From
Mary Lee Phillips	Excused			
Belinda Strickland	Present			
Jacqueline Sullivan	Present			
Abraham Velez	Present			
Maggie Webb	Present			
Jack Young	Present			

VACANT SEATS: No Vacancies

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review of Minutes May 5, 2020
- III. Director's Update
- IV. Advocacy Committee
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Roundtable
- VIII. Next Meeting: September 1, 2020
- IX. Adjourn

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Robert Overmiller.

II. Review of Minutes May 5, 2020

Meeting minutes were approved 12-0.

III. Director's Update

Director Newnam provided the following updates:

- DHCI has seen 45 residents fully recover from COVID-19 and expect the remaining nine COVID + residents to test negative in the next seven days. We plan to move the remaining nine residents at GBHC to DHCI once DHCI is COVID negative for 14 days.
- Community staff are continually reaching out to participants in the community.

IV. Advocacy Committee

It was encouraged that members reach out to the General Assembly for their support since the Finance Committee is back in session. The Finance committee is live streaming their committee meetings on YouTube. A letter of support was sent to all committee members for their use in reaching out to their local legislators.

V. Old Business

No update provided.

VI. New Business

Cindy Mercer reported that the division is awarding mini-grants through the Virtual Senior Center Project. DSAAPD will award mini-grants to senior centers so they can provide virtual senior center activities. Twenty-seven applications were received, and all will be reviewed on June 4, 2020.

Cindy also reported that the State Plan work is continuing. Edits are in the process of being drafted based on comments from the public hearings and online feedback form. The next oversight committee meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2020.

VII. Roundtable

CF-Modern Maturity held an outdoor event on Friday, May 29. The Center's line dancers provided entertainment and people were excited to see a socially distanced event. Wellness checks have been well received. Doing food boxes and MOW. Anxious to reopen. Early Memory Loss program doing drive-by to drop off packets.

SG-AARP is continuing to prepare information for Seniors regarding COVID-19 and the ways to stay safe. Working on elections and absentee ballots. Looking at what to ask for to JFC.

JS-Learning about impact of social distancing – looking at concept of telemedicine and keeping in touch with people virtually-writing grants for devices and internet.

KM-Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness month is June. Have many activities ongoing.

BS-Safety precautions are underway for both the transportation drivers and riders. The use of hand sanitizer and safety measures are in place. Started full service started June 1. Those not using pass will be billed for services.

AV-A phone number has been established for veterans in need -302-697-9061. Started taking claims process by appointment. Starting transportation to hospital starts on June 8. Doing all COVID-19 measures.

MW-Adult day programs – doing weekly calls and started virtual calls with exercising sessions and activity packages to those who don't have technology. Speech and physical therapy moved to telehealth has great response. Personal attendant services is wrapping around other programs.

JY-Term is up in August. Thanks for opportunity. Thinks there is another person interested in position.

RO-been in communication with many legislators going to do consent calendar for current legislation been through committee that no one has objection to passing, will go ahead and pass.

If there is objection, the legislator who submitted it can rewrite and have ready for next session as they don't want to have debates on zoom. Just votes and support/against comments on zoom. The legislation for the change on the State Council on Persons with Physical Disabilities hasn't come out of the committee, so it will not come out until next year. House and Senate both have YouTube channels set up so you can watch – even go back to beginning to watch.

JS-Planning for extension of services – had cut back to contactless services unless it was medically necessary. Volunteers willing to do transportation to non-medical transportation. Also working on contactless exterior services for outside the home. Any of the transportation has protocols in place to fight the virus. Haven't participated in virtual programs as many are not tech-savvy but have given out books and puzzle exchanges. Planning on opening a Village Volunteer South – has also been contacted by other areas to open similar centers. Will be reaching out to DSAAPD for assistance. Cannot do Attic Treasures annual fundraiser so will be looking for additional fundraising support. Thanks the State for participating in the CCC for COVID Team – outpouring of support – four divisions supported in addition to non-profits and businesses. Asked of KB if any overage of food supplies to send them her way.

VIII. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 am.

Respectfully submitted 6/17/20 by SKB.