

**ADVISORY COUNCIL  
ON SERVICES FOR AGING AND ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL  
DISABILITIES**

**September 3, 2019  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Modern Maturity Center  
1121 Forrest Avenue, Dover, DE 19904**

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

VACANT SEATS: No Vacancies

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review of Minutes June 4, 2019
- III. Election for 2019/2021 Co-Chairs
  - o Lead needs to be represent Disabled
  - o Other needs to represent Aging
- IV. Director's Update
- V. Advocacy Committee
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Roundtable
- IX. Next Meeting: October 1, 2019
- X. Adjourn

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Carolyn Fredericks. Since we have two new members, introductions were made around the table

## **II. Review of Minutes June 4, 2019**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved.

## **III. Election for 2019/2021 Co-Chairs**

Election was held with the nominations of Robert Overmiller as co-chair representing the disabled population and Ken Bock as co-chair representing the aging population. Votes were unanimous in electing these two officials. They will hold their chairs for two years.

## **IV. Director's Update**

Deputy Director Smith provided updates on the division.

- APS – continuing to make progress on recommendations in strengthening program. Hiring trainer dedicated to APS staff. Reorganizing nursing staff to focus on self-neglect. Owe first report to JLOSC by end of October.
- Proposed merger of two disabilities councils
- Trainings:
  - REACH –trainings through Rosalynn Carter Institute – focus on Dementia awareness and non-pharma interventions
  - Person-Centered Care – training continues to be more centered towards job specific.
- Budget – passed and we're looking to develop how we can apply to growth.
- Census – surveyors are here at DHCI today
  - Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill (DHCI): 100
  - Governor Bacon: 44
- Dementia Friendly Delaware – trying to make Dover the first city to adopt.

## **V. Advocacy Committee**

Judith asked for more information on the committee and is interested in participating. Ken Bock offered to chair. If council sees items that need advocacy for the department, division or community, they need to be brought to the committee. Will make appointments with legislators and pull together white paper on committee to take to the legislators to educate them on what the council does. Ken has pulled together a template to distribute for a door opener and welcomes input from council and staff. Will discuss at the next meeting. Wants to discuss grants-in-aid and why funding didn't increase. Discuss inviting auditor to help review giving money to those organizations who aren't doing what they are supposed to be doing. Carolyn to work with Robert to discuss corrected legislation with Department of Labor.

## **VI. Old Business**

No update provided.

## **VII. New Business**

No update provided.

### **VIII. Roundtable**

JY-ABA committed to state training on Dementia Friendly Delaware – through Commissioner on Law and Aging; Great success in other states. Please use as a resource as much as possible.

KM-Alzheimer's Walks – Rehoboth is 9/28; Wilmington is 10/19.

KB-Cheer's Beach Day is 9/24 in Rehoboth. Cheer is hosting its picnic on 9/6 if the weather holds.

SG-Share the Care Act – looking at how to implement – goes into effect 6/2020. Working on Stop Rx Greed – was looking at the federal level but received a lot of pushback so now looking at statewide. Planning on candidates forum 9/2020. Raising retirement savings crisis. Age friendly community looking at creating tools. Also starting more outreach, possibly doing a presentation at MMC.

BS-DART received new funding for new buses.

MW-Just had Easterseals Walk.

RO-Reviewing criminal codes; evaluate between current and prospective code rewrite.

CF-MMC is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Found someone to donate \$50,000 and will dedicate the medical building to her husband. Working with DART for mileage reimbursement; have to resolve issue on insurance.

KB-Would like council to decide actions on how to deal with candidates.

JY-Will try to get the State Auditor to come to a future meeting.

### **IX. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

### **X. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.

Respectfully submitted 9/26/19.