

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

**October 1, 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	Excused	Melissa Smith	Present
Carolyn Fredricks	Present	Cindy Mercer	Excused
Sheila Grant	Present	Susan Bailey	Present
Evelyn Hayes	Present	Teresa Ritter	Excused
Suzanne Howell	Present	Lindy Scott	Present
Katie Macklin	Excused		
Robert Overmiller	Present		
LaVaida Owens-White	Present		
Mary Lee Phillips	Unexcused		
Belinda Strickland	Excused		
Jacqueline Sullivan	Present		
Abraham Velez	Excused		
Maggie Webb	Excused		
Jack Young	Excused		

VACANT SEATS: No Vacancies

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review of Minutes September 3, 2019
- III. Director's Update
- IV. Advocacy Committee
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Roundtable
- VIII. Next Meeting: November 5, 2019
- IX. Adjourn

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Robert Overmiller.

## **II. Review of Minutes September 3, 2019**

As a quorum of nine was not met, voting on the meeting minutes was postponed until the November meeting.

## **III. Director's Update**

Deputy Director Smith provided the following updates:

- The Division of Health Care Quality has a new director, Yrene Waldron
- Cheryl Heiks is the Executive Director at Delaware Health Care Facilities Association
  - Met September 30 to look at method of care – waitlist – will be almost two years in reviewing systems – will keep Council updated
- Delaware Health Care Forum Trade Show
- DHCI Survey Results
- Guardianship Task Force
  - moving through to get report completed by year-end
  - acute care settings
  - reviewing how states with similar issues deal with it; Maryland has a good report
  - Sheila Grant to send to Melissa Smith
  - Jackie Sullivan to look for documentation on bad outcomes
  - Public guardianship low staff issue
- Task force to reorganize DHSS will meeting October 8 at 6:30pm in the Carvel State Bldg.
- Proposing \$1.7 million door opener for next year's budget.
- Census – surveyors are here at DHCI today
  - Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill (DHCI): 98
  - Governor Bacon: 43

## **IV. Advocacy Committee**

The following people volunteered to be on committee – Ken Bock (volunteered to chair), LaVaida Owens-White, Jackie Sullivan, Sheila Grant, Carolyn Fredericks. Ken volunteered to create an introductory letter template for council to use to state legislators.

The State Auditor will attend November's meeting to discuss grant-in-aid.

Would like to create standard guidelines for political campaigning in senior centers and facilities.

Senator Carper held town meetings last week with the Federal Director of Census for community outreach for hard-to-reach populations and to discuss with constituents that the census takers are legitimate. Suggest what can do to get constituents involved in the census. Sheila Grant to share. Make sure they know the credentials to look for and range of questions that will be asked. Suggest public service announcements that educate what will be involved.

Will try to schedule an Advocacy meeting mid-month at Modern Maturity to discuss these items and what to advocate for. Also go to budget hearings.

## **V. Old Business**

No update provided.

## **VI. New Business**

No update provided.

## **VII. Roundtable**

RO-visiting legislators for coffee – talking about funding for services for our constituents, educating legislators, especially new ones.

KB-Senior Beach Day, dedicated to Eleanor Cain was a great day. Continuing on kitchen project. Working on new Milford Village project. We Care Wellness Program Innovative Practices Program-UD grant to do health screenings on Meals-on-Wheels routes for no cost. Coordinate with medical providers to ensure problems do not increase.

CF-Hump Night created to reach younger populations on Wednesdays during happy hour – 5-7pm. Has YMCA doing classes and have screenings. Will run for three months to see how well it goes. Modern Maturity Center's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala this month – 500 people coming. Have an additional \$50,000 sponsor in addition to the original one. On October 12, putting out a special anniversary edition 16 page color story about the Modern Maturity Center (the Sunday before the Gala). Hope to expand adult day services to Saturdays.

SG-Delaware Healthcare-having annual forum at the end of October; on the agenda is Senior Isolation. Stop Rx Greed Campaign where working on lowering drug prices; following bulk purchasing focus group. Volunteer working on guardianship task force.

EH-PEO.org – philanthropic organization. Go to website to see what it is about. They are to help women meet their educational goals. Symposium tomorrow regarding substance abuse, special populations poster contest and discussion, and Nar Can training.

SH-October 15 is White Cane Celebration at Legislative Hall.

JS-Village to Village Conference – 240 villages across the country and Australia. Social isolation - \$6.7 billion spent in this country on this health impact. Beebe Healthcare – transitional health care – another program with social isolation. Advocating to get other Villages started throughout the state.

LOW-Trying to get congregations talking with public health to sponsor nursing training in congregations. New director – Brian Sanders at Ecumenical Council. Sunday ended Peace Week. Council should do something for our seniors next year for those in isolation. Kick off Non-Violent Cities Wilmington.

## **VIII. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

## **IX. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:31 am.