

DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

DSAC Members Present: Mike Volpe, Chair; Suzanne Brean, Vice Chair; Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald, Lee Lazaro, Edythe James and Jann Glenn.

Guests Suzette Boydston, Cathy Savage, Catherine Skiens, Mitzi Naucler, Suzanne Lazaro and Suanne Jackson.

Members Absent: Rusty Burton, Tim Malone and Pete Rickey.

Staff: Dave Toler, Lisa Bennett, Mary Kay Fitzmorris, Ann Johnson, Sarah Ballini-Ross and Terri Sharpe.

1. Welcome, Introductions, Additions to the Agenda, Approval of the May 3, 2016 Minutes (Mike Volpe, Chair):

Mike Volpe called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm. Introductions were made including guests.

ACTION: Motion to approve the May 3, 2016 DSAC minutes made by Lee Lazaro, seconded by Suzanne Brean. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Chair's Report (Mike Volpe):

Mike shared with the Council his experience and knowledge gained while being hospitalized for aspirational pneumonia. After being misdiagnosed three times he was finally admitted to the hospital with the correct diagnosis where he could receive the proper treatment. Through this experience he discovered the importance of one's voice being heard and making sure care providers as well as family and friends are aware of one's needs and wishes. Although he had an Advance Directive he was still asked, by the three doctors assigned to him, if he wanted a feeding tube listed as undesirable in his Advance Directive. He felt it was important he state his desires so the doctors knew what he wanted. Mike stressed the importance in not only making out an Advance Directive but letting those close to you and caring for you know your wishes as well.

3. Renewal of Memberships for Suzanne Brean, Rusty Burton, Jann Glenn, Mike Volpe:

ACTION: Motion to consider DSAC membership renewal for Suzanne Brean, Rusty Burton, Jann Glenn and Mike Volpe and have their intent to renew be moved to the

COG Board for their consideration made by Lee Lazaro, seconded by Edythe James. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Elections of Officers for 2016-2017 Term (Suzanne Brean, Membership and Nominating Committee):

ACTION: Motion to elect Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald as DSAC Chair for the 2016-2017 term made by Suzanne Brean, seconded by Lee Lazaro. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion to elect Mike Volpe as DSAC Vice Chair for the 2016-2017 term made by Suzanne Brean, seconded by Lee Lazaro. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Information Sharing (All):

Lisa Bennett announced the SSAC will not be holding an August Advisory Council meeting due to low attendance in the summer months and asked the DSAC if they would like to cancel their August meeting as well. Everyone agreed. Mike declared a two month vacation, reconvening in September. Mike thanked everyone for their participation and tremendous input at the DSAC meetings.

Suzanne Brean shared her patented Canine Emergency Response Button is going into production next week. This will be marketed in the US, Canada and Australia. Preorders can be made through her website.

Dave Toler announced the Federal and State Government just passed the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act which will allow people, up to 26 years of age, to establish an account that is allowed to accumulate up to \$300,000. These resources would not be counted against them for certain benefits including our Medicaid Long Term Support and Services, thus allowing them to spend their resources on more permission-able items. Dave suggested having this as an agenda topic for a future DSAC meeting.

6. Adjournment:

The DSAC Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

The Meeting Minutes were recorded by Terri Sharpe.

The next meeting will be on August 2, 2016.