

DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

DSAC Members Present: Mike Volpe, Chair; Suzanne Brean, Vice Chair; Rusty Burton, Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald, Tim Malone and Pete Rickey.

Guests Suzette Boydston, Rachell Jefferson, Cathy Savage, Catherine Skiens, Mitzi Naucler, Carolyn Fry and Ruby Moon.

Members Absent: Lee Lazaro, Edythe James and Jann Glenn.

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

- 1) Mike Volpe called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm. Introductions were made including guests.
- 2) Nominations for Chair (Suzanne Brean, Membership and Nominating Committee Member):
 - Suzanne Brean informed the Councils Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald accepted the nomination for DSAC Chair for the 2016-17 term. The floor was opened for additional nominations. There were none made. The official vote will take place at the June 7, 2016 DSAC meeting.
- 3) Nominations for Vice Chair (Suzanne Brean, Membership and Nominating Committee Member):
 - Suzanne informed the Councils Mike Volpe accepted the nomination as SSAC Vice Chair. The floor was opened for additional nominations. There were none made. The official vote will take place at the June 7, 2016 meeting.
- 4) Chair's Report (Mike Volpe):
 - Mike reported to the Councils his concern in the time it takes (4 -6 weeks) for a new homecare applicant to get approved by the State, thus putting consumers in a bind waiting for approval. Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) has a backlog of background checks which is the contributing factor. This process affects him and other consumers as well and wants everyone to be aware.
 - Mike asked staff if they have heard of any problems regarding this. Mary Kay Fitzmorris said she was just informed that the State Police will now be doing fingerprints on everyone (not just out of state applicants) which is contributing to the four week delay. This is unfortunate but it is a safety precaution.

5) Information Sharing (All):

- Mitzi Naucler asked for an update on the new payment system for homecare workers. Dave Toler said it has improved but it still takes eight times longer to process the vouchers. The State is working on an electronic solution that is years away.
- Rusty Burton shared his mom fell about three weeks ago.
- Lisa shared Benton County was awarded funding for a disability evaluation in the community. This would involve evaluating 10 – 12 sites for accessibility into their facilities. This is something the Councils may be involved with for they are looking for volunteers to do the assessment.

6) Adjournment:

- The DSAC Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.
- The Meeting Minutes were recorded by Terri Sharpe.
- The next meeting will be on June 7, 2016.