

River Valley Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
June 27, 2019

**Persons Attending**

LaCarole Lloyd, RVRC/AAA  
Kia Barrow, RVRC/AAA  
Alice Tufono, Alzheimer's Association  
Aretha Richards, Farrfield Manor  
Eboni Key, RVRC/AAA  
Kendra Coleman, Direct Services Corporation  
Chandra Wilson, Georgia Legal Services  
Kirk Holcombe, Access 2 Independence  
Susan Gallagher, New Horizons  
Natalie Prater, DBHDD (conference call)

The meeting was held at the offices of the River Valley Area Agency on Aging in Columbus and was opened by Kia Barrow. The minutes of the past meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion made by Kendra Coleman and seconded by LaCarole Lloyd. Kia discussed the No Wrong Door Policy with the group. It was explained to them that anyone is allowed to contact our agency and receive assistance. I informed the group that if anyone wanted a copy of the actual policy to let me know.

Kia then introduced our speaker, Susan Gallagher, with New Horizons CSB. Ms. Gallagher had lots of brochures, handouts and information. There are 26 Community Service Boards (CSB) in the state of Georgia. People are often stigmatized for brain disorders. The core services offered by the local CSB are mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases. Under each core services there are several programs that are offered to individuals. Ms. Gallagher discussed the I/DD Family Support Program that offers services and goods to individuals that are at least 3 years of age or older. This could include respite care, incontinence supplies, specialized nutrition, and dental services among other things. Today is National HIV Testing Day. And September 2019 is National Recovery Month. She gave statistics of causes of death among age groups in Muscogee County and suicide is #1 among ages 10-14 in years 2013-2017.

Kia reviewed the ADRC Report for the months of February, March, April and May. She reviewed the age groups, disability types, call topics, contacts, referral sources and numbers added to the waiting list for each month. She discussed with them how the report was broken down into

several different parts. If anyone wants a copy of the reports they were advised to let Kia know and a copy would be provided.

Kia asked if there were any specific cases that needed to be discussed and reminded the group of the confidentiality agreement. There were no cases to discuss.

Kia presented the Legislative Session Results for the 2019 session from Co-Age: Budget wins-over 5.6 million in new funding for aging services. \$2 million for HCBS services; \$338,802 for the ADRC; \$1,406,232 for Home Delivered Meals, etc. CO-AGE Legislative priorities-Study committee on senior housing options; Personal Care Home Sanctions; Health coverage for Low Income Seniors. Other bills of interest to seniors are Elder abuse bills and senior transportation. The next CO-AGE meeting is July 11<sup>th</sup> in Macon and guest were invited to attend. RSVP forms were passed out.

Kia also asked the group to like our ADRC Advisory Council page on Facebook and to add the Georgia ADRC link to their agency's website ([www.georgiaadrc.com](http://www.georgiaadrc.com)).

Partner Reports:

- 5K Run for Recovery is on 9/7/19
- Care-Net Meeting is on July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Alzheimer's Association
- Farrfield Manor Health fair is on 9/25/19

The next meeting will be held on October 24, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. If anyone would like to host this meeting, please contact Kia Barrow at [kmorris@rivervalleyrcaaa.org](mailto:kmorris@rivervalleyrcaaa.org)