

River Valley Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2019

Persons Attending

LaCarole Lloyd, MDS-Q OC, RVRC-AAA

Kia Barrow, RVRC-AAA

Laura Wise, Coastal HomeCare

Aretha Richards, Farrfield Manor

Dareion Hill, West Central Health District, Department of Community Health

Kendra Coleman, Direct Services Corporation, EDWP

Robin Young, Direct Services Corporation, EDWP

Jennifer Ellis, Direct Services Corporation, EDWP

Valerie Duke, LTCO

Natalie Prater, DBHDD

Katie Howard, RVRC-AAA

Stephen Galloway, Fair Count

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 Robin Young. 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, Dareion Hill, Emergency Preparedness Healthcare Coalition Facilitator. There are 14 Healthcare Coalitions in the state of Georgia. Columbus coalition is set up with Piedmont Columbus hospital. The organization meets quarterly in Columbus. The mission of the group "is to assure the health and well-being of the individuals and communities in the State of Georgia by preparing for, responding to and recovering from events of public health significance." The purpose of the program is to lead efforts related to Emergency Support Function 8 (Health and Medical) and support Emergency Support Function 6 (mass care). The also provide technical assistance and guidance as well as communication and logistics to support the local public health districts during times of disaster and emergency. It is advised that agencies register with GHA911.org. The coalitions role in a disaster is response, recovery, mitigation and preparedness.

Our second speaker was Stephen Galloway with Fair Count Georgia. He emphasized the importance of everyone being counted in the upcoming census and that is the agencies Mission statement. The census determines our government funding and lots of agencies uses census data to determine funding: Medicaid, SNAP, Medicare, etc. Some challenges with the census are young people, children and minorities are difficult to count. Most of the census will be online in 2020. Funding has been cut to the Census Bureau. April 1st is National Census Day.

Kia reviewed the ADRC Report for the months of June, July, August and September. 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.

Katie discussed the Co-Age updates. The 2020 Budget Priorities are Home and Community Based Services and Behavioral Health and Housing. The Legislative Priorities are Older Adult Transportation, Options for Senior Living and Personal Care Home Requirements. Katie encouraged everyone to join Co-Age and registration brochures were provided.

Cynthia Haley-Dunn wants each AAA to participate in the ADRC Website Review. Kia pulled up the website and let the group know which areas needed to be reviewed. She also gave everyone a review sheet and asked them to return it to her by November 8th.

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).

Partner Reports:

- Department of Public Health is having a drive thru flu clinic at the Columbus Civic Center on October 29th at 4pm. Participants must bring their insurance cards.

The next meeting will be held on February 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. If anyone would like to host this meeting, please contact Kia Barrow at kmorris@rivervalleyrcaaa.org