

River Valley Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2020

**Persons Attending**

LaCarole Lloyd, MDS-Q OC, RVRC-AAA  
Kia Barrow, RVRC-AAA  
Valerie Duke, LTCO  
Natalie Prater, DBHDD  
Katie Howard, RVRC-AAA  
Teresa Johnson, APS  
Annie Garrard, Direct Services EDWP  
Elizabeth Young, RVRC-AAA  
Zonia Tate, Housing Authority  
Kaleena Morgan, LTCO  
Kay Jones, BIAG  
Warrington Jackson, BIAG  
Jane Jackson, BIAG  
Cat Young, LTCO  
Karen Killingsworth, Social Worker, Azalea Trace  
Sheree Stewart, RVRC-AAA  
Tarajee Williams, Social Worker, Ft. Gaines Health and Rehab  
Shameika Averett, Thrive at Green Islands  
Kirk Holcombe, Access 2 Independence  
David Marlowe, Alzheimer's Association (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 and Elizabeth Young. The minutes of the past meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion made by Annie Garrard and seconded by Kirk Holcombe. The attendees gave partner reports and the following was noted:

Katie- Area Agency on Aging will have their Wellness Walk on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center.

Kirk- Access to Independence will have their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual night of comedy at The Loft on July 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Cat-Middle Flint Council on Aging picnic on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Shameika-Thrive sponsored the breakfast for our meeting today. On March 28<sup>th</sup> they will be honoring Veterans at their facility.

Karen- Azalea Trace will be opening a new facility

David- Alzheimer's Day at the Capitol will be on March 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a new support group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 2pm. Dancing Stars of Columbus is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact 706-324-2122 for more information.

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.

Our guest speakers were Kenisha Tait, who joined us by conference call and Jane Jackson. Kenisha is the Traumatic Brain Injury Grant Program Manager with the Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund. Jane is the Director at the Brain Injury Association of Georgia. The state of Georgia averages 40,000 +/- new TBI's a year. 2.7 million children and adults sustain a TBI. The number one cause of TBI are falls at 28%. The Brain Injury Association of Georgia (BIAG) is Georgia's statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to individuals who have survived brain injury and their families. The objective of the organization ultimately is to provide resources and support to those affected by a brain injury. BIAG support not only the brain injury population, but professionals who work with this population. The Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund project is to strengthen and expand sustainable TBI services in Georgia that are best practice, person-centered, and maximize independence across the lifespan for individuals with TBI and their families. The eligibility for the grant is: applicants must have a diagnosed TBI, must complete the daily living survey, must provide proof of residence and citizenship and must provide medical documentation.

Kia reviewed the ADRC Report for the months of October, November, December, and January. 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 Senior Week Priorities were discussed. Katie encouraged everyone to join Co-Age and registration brochures were provided.

Katie also discussed nominations for upcoming SE4A awards.

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)).

The next meeting will be held on June 25, 2020 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)