



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Social Service Advisory Board

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Meeting Summary August 27, 2024

PRESENT: Monica Lenser, Eden Russom, Brian Marroquin, Bill Benton, and Twila Mack

PRESENT (VIRTUALLY): The meeting was held virtually on Teams

ABSENT: Brittany Walker

STAFF: Maimoona Bah-Duckenfield, Glenda Pitman, Tabitha Kelly, and Regina Chambers

GUESTS: Rachel Coates (Aging and Disability Services Division)

THE MEETING CAN BE ACCESSED VIA:

I. Call to Order/Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

II. Public Comments

No public comment

III. Quick Ice Breaker: What is Your Superpower?

All members present participated in a quick icebreaker.

IV. Approval of Minutes from 6/25/2024

All board members present approved the June 25, 2024 meeting minutes.

V. Bylaws Update

Article III: Regarding the board composition in the DSSAB bylaws, it was updated to reflect that DSSAB will have at least five board members. The language was changed from "consist of five voting members" to "consist of at least five voting members."

Article V. Regarding meetings in the DSSAB bylaws, it was updated to reflect that the DSSAB will meet six times a year, not four times a year, as initially stated in the bylaws.

Article V. The procedure in the bylaws was updated to reflect that meetings will be held in person or virtually, with a hybrid option.

VI. Nominations and Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Brian Marroquin was nominated and agreed to serve as chair of the DSSAB.

A vice chair will be nominated at the next meeting held on October 22nd.

VII. Aging and Disability Services Division

Maimoona Bah-Duckenfield, division director of the Aging and Disability Services Division and Rachel Coates, deputy director, presented on VDSS-funded programs in ADSD and provided general overview.

Topics Included: Need for more Public Guardianship slots in Virginia.

Arlington's Volunteer Guardianship program recruits, trains, and supports court-appointed volunteer guardians and conservators for individuals who can no longer make informed decisions for themselves. 505 court-ordered guardianship reports in FY 2024

9% of adults 65+ live at or below FPL, and 5.9% collect SNAP

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) recorded a 50% increase in volume from FY 2023 to FY 2024.

Benefits Enrollment Centers support older adults and persons with disabilities with access to food, energy assistance, health care benefits, and other resources.

Adult Day Services provides Case management, assessments, and monitoring to facilitate independent living in the least restrictive setting possible for older adults and persons with disabilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.