

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

Meeting Minutes from Thursday, November 18, 2021, held virtually on Microsoft Teams.

Committee Members Present:

Diane Williams (Vice Chair)
Erica Noble (Secretary)
Vanecia Davis
Claudia Dickens
Gwendolyn Drummond
Gretchen Lofland, Ed. D
Kym Taylor
Eddimae Tisdale

Committee Members Absent:

Kofi Impraim (Chair)
Shaunda Bellamy
Margarett Baltimore
Deidre Jackson

Department of Family Services Staff:

Joann Carnathan, Unit Manager, Aging and Disabilities Services Division
Megan Vila, Aging and Disabilities Services Division

Guest:

Jo-Ann Gerald, Caregiving Program Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Dianne Williams at 9:30 am in the absence of Chair Kofi Impraim. She welcomed everyone and introductions followed. Vice Chair Williams made a motion for the Adoption of the Agenda. The motion was seconded, and the agenda was adopted.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Ms. Carnathan said she had received a request from Ms. Noble asking that the October minutes be put on a flash drive and sent to her so she could prepare them and get them out to the committee. Ms. Carnathan said she'd provide the flash drive.

Aging Report

Ms. Carnathan advised that Ms. Sylvester could not attend today's meeting. She advised that the "Adopt-A-Ward" program was continuing and asked that the Advisory Committee participate if possible. She shared the flyer for that event whose theme this year is "Naughty or Nice."

Caregiving Program Coordinator: Vice Chair Williams stated we are excited our guest speaker, Ms. Jo-Ann Gerald, joined us today and asked her to share a little information about herself prior to her presentation on the Caregiving Program.

- Ms. Gerald provided a depth of information regarding the Caregiving Program and advised that Caregiving Programs are income based along with other criteria. They also provide Options Counselling. Several members had questions. One question was if a caregiver could be reimbursed? Ms. Gerald responded “yes” – once a year upon completion of an application. The reimbursement can also be for various supplies needed for the patient (incontinent supplies, certain equipment not covered by Medicare/Medicaid, etc.) The reimbursement can be for up to \$500. Vice Chair Williams thanked Ms. Gerald for the informative discussion.

Old Business/New Business

Vice Chair Williams advised that there would be no discussion of old/new business since this was an abbreviated meeting due to the National Family Caregiver’s Month Event, at 11:00 a.m. entitled: “We’re Stronger Together.”

Announcements - Ms. Carnathan reminded members that the Agenda Books were ready for pick up at her office. Additionally, she advised that NAMI training on Identifying Mental Illness would be held on November 30. Vice Chair Williams asked that a link to register on Eventbrite be sent to members.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Williams said she was looking forward to seeing everyone at today’s presentation and asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made, and the Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging will be **Thursday, January 27, 2022**, on the Microsoft Teams platform.

Submitted by: Claudia Dickens