

Agenda and Meeting Notice

DEPENDENT ADULT PROTECTIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 26, 2024

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Meeting will be held via Zoom

(a meeting link can be obtained by emailing blittle@dhs.state.ia.us)

Council Members Present: Gloriana Fisher (HHS), Cindy Ramer (Iowa Caregivers Assc. 1), Jamie West (DIAL)

Guests Attendance: Cindy Reed, Louise Alitz, Meleia Wuthrich, Kim Downs, Jayna Grauerholz, Paula Motsinger, Alicyn Reimer, Jennifer Donovan

Agenda items:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of February 2024 Minutes
 - There were not enough members present to achieve quorum and approve minutes.
- Update on Iowa Boards and Commissions Review Committee Report regarding recommendation for DAPAC elimination.
 - Senate File 2385 has been signed by the house and the senate. It is anticipated it will be signed into legislation which will eliminate further DAPAC meetings.
 - Gloriana discussed reviving CCR (Coordinated Community Response) in the event DAPAC is eliminated. Alicyn Reimer (Adult Abuse Prevention, Awareness and Coordination Officer) will spearhead these efforts. All members/guests who attend DAPAC will be invited to continue networking and advocacy through this new forum. Interested participants were encouraged to email Alicyn to let her know they would like to be involved.
 - Delay for election of DAPAC Officers until DAPAC outcome is known.
 - Delay for revision of DAPAC by-laws until DAPAC outcome is known.
- Realignment update – Gloriana and Jamie
 - Jamie (DIAL)- DIAL has moved to a new building: 6200 Park Avenue. DIAL's most recent table of organization was shared.

- Gloriana (HHS)- Lucas remodel continues and staff are planning on moving to Lucas building once completed. Migration to ensure all staff are on the same system continues.
- APS Funding update – Gloriana
 - All CRRSA funds have been spent.
 - i. Iowa’s Final CRRSA Programmatic Report has been submitted to ACL for final review and approval.
 - ARPA grant funds need to be spent by September 30, 2024.
 - i. Iowa APS is on track to spending all allocated funds.
 - The Office of Public Guardian is working on creating online training modules. There are 5 modules: an overview of guardianship and conservatorship, an in-depth training on guardianship, an in-depth training on conservatorship, an overview of healthcare POAs and an overview of financial POAs. These training modules will be hosted on the Lifelong Links Academy and available to anyone who makes a free account.
 - EJAP Funds will be utilized to continue funding APS programs and initiatives once ARPA funds have been exhausted.
- APS Regulation/Legislation update – Gloriana
 - Senate Study Bill (SSB) 3124/House File 2404
 - i. Expands the definition of financial exploitation to include breach of fiduciary duty.
 - ii. Expands HHS’s ability to approach the court for financial records as it relates to an adult’s resources.
 - iii. Allows HHS to disclose confidential information to tribal entities when the dependent adult is an Indian (as defined in 232B.3)
 - Gloriana discussed ideas for next year’s pre-file to include expanding the Department’s ability to communicate with AAA services.
- Departmental Updates- Gloriana
 - Jennifer Donovan (OPG) continues to work on creating an enhanced Guardianship/Conservatorship training series in collaboration with GAIN.
 - DIAL shared recent legislative changes in 235E. In summary, the verbiage was made more precise in code and improved the ability to share information more freely with licensing and law enforcement.
 - Mandatory Reporter Core Curriculum Training will only have one training that is mandatory. The course will need to be taken in its entirety every 3 years. This standard will be the same for dependent adult abuse and child abuse reporting.
 - Paula Motsinger shared the waiver redesign is still in progress. They are currently working on how to prioritize individuals with the highest need. The state will be going from 7 waivers to 2 waivers: Child Waiver and Adult Waiver. This is anticipated to be implemented July 1, 2025.
- Additional Announcements/Updates/Presentation – All members/guests

- Alicyn Reimer & Louise Alitz-
 - Provided an update on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day activities (June 15)
 - AAAs have created shirts to raise awareness for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, a project spearheaded by Tasha Jones at Connections Area Agency on Aging. These shirts are made in partnership with Raygun. The design has been selected and the shirts will be purple for elder abuse, with the quote, ““To care for those who once cared for us is one of the highest honors.” – Tia Walker. The shirts will have the 1-800 number for Lifelong Links.
 - A proclamation requesting that Iowa recognize not only World Elder Abuse Day, but World Elder Abuse Week was submitted to the Governor’s office.
- Adjourn

Next meeting: N/A