

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING NOTES**

Date: October 1, 2019
Location: Development Services Building, Room 107A/B
Recorder: Sarah Henry, Prince William Area Agency on Aging

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Avis Bracey, Woodbridge District
Barbara Diehl, At-large
Lillian Garland, Neabsco District
Joyce Jolly, Woodbridge District
Lisa Schumann, Brentsville District
Karen Smith, Chairman
Paul Weisenberger, Vice-Chairman

Citizens:

- I. Call to Order 7:00 P.M. Karen Smith, Chair
- II. Welcome Karen Smith, Chair
- III. Pledge of Allegiance Karen Smith, Chair
- IV. Citizens Time
 - a. Denise McPhail, Prince William County Human Right
 - Denise shared the history of the Human Rights Commission and information about how people can become involved with their initiatives.
- V. Review of Meeting Minutes
The minutes of the August 2019 meeting were approved:
Motion: Joyce Jolley; Seconded: Lillian Garland
- VI. Guest Speaker Deanna L. Holkin, MA, CRC, DARS
 - a. Ms. Holkin provided and overview of the services provided by DARS in the Manassas Office.
 - b. Ms. Holkin described the two entry points to DARS to get assistance with employment for persons with a disability.
 - c. Ms. Holkin reviewed the vocational rehabilitation process to access services and the eligibility requirements.

- d. The Project SEARCH program was discussed as well as the Woodrow Wilson Workforce.
- e. Members asked about length of time that DARS supports persons in their programs. For Woodrow Wilson, it is based on need, and not where the person is from. That is a 9-week program.
- f. For more information about DARS call 703-335-5550

VII. Old Business

Karen Smith, Chairman

- a. SSA Letter to be sent on Disability Services Board Letterhead
- b. Sarah Henry provided an update that Congressman Connolly's office has been in touch with her and that his office is planning a meeting with the SSA.
- c. No letter will be sent at this time.

VIII. New Business

Karen Smith, Chairman

- a. None

IX. Host Agency Updates

Sarah Henry, Director

- a. An update on the Board, Commissions and Committee activity was provided.

X. Member Time and Announcements

- a. None

XI. Adjournment

- Karen adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.
- The next meeting will occur December 3, 2019 at 7:00pm