

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

Date: June 6, 2023
Location: Development Services Building, Room 107A/B
Recorder: Sarah Henry, PW Area Agency on Aging

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Teresa Belcher, Gainesville District
Gregory Powell, At-Large
Laura Feld-Mushaw, Occoquan District
Sarah Pitkin, Coles District
Karen Smith, Potomac District
Mike Bizik, Occoquan District
Lillian Garland, Potomac District
Bonnie Klakowicz, Woodbridge District

- I. Call to Order 7:00 P.M. Karen Smith, Chairperson
- II. Welcome Karen Smith, Chairperson
- III. Pledge of Allegiance Karen Smith, Chairperson
- IV. Citizens Time: -Present: Bonnie Fulford
- V. Review of Meeting Minutes
The minutes of the 4.4.23 meeting were approved

V1. Speaker, Tony Turnage, Assistant Director of Social Services, Homeless Services

- a. Tony presented the Homeless Services Presentation
- b. Last Point in Time Count had 326 homeless counted in Prince William compared to 241 in 2022
- c. Some reasons for homelessness provided were: disability condition domestic violence, formally institutionalized, to name a few
- d. 65% of the population in emergency shelters have some form of disability
- e. Discussion was has about the Western Homeless Services
- f. Outreach for homeless services is coordinated by the Continuum of Care (COC).
Department of Social Services is the lead agency in Prince William

- g. Calls for service should be made through coordinated entry 703-792-3366

V11.Old Business

Karen Smith, Chair

- a. None

V111.New Business

Karen Smith, Chair

- a. None

IX. Host Agency Updates

Sarah Henry, Director

- a. No updates

X. Member Time and Announcements

- a. Discussion about increased panhandlers throughout Prince William County
- b. Didlake opened a new office
- c. Discussion about ADA requirements at marinas

- d. Sarah spoke about upcoming events in the community, Didlake ribbon cutting on April 25, 2023 and the 4th of July parade in Dale city.
- e. Laura mentioned her and a few others took the Matter of Balance class hosted by our Agency and really enjoyed it.
- f. Laura asked Josh about the future location of the Woodbridge Senior Center. Josh said it has been addressed, not in budget currently but talk to relocate has happened.
- g. Teresa shared she serves as a founding board member for Serving Our Neighbors (SON), a 501 (c) non-profit. Serving Our Neighbors operates a Mobile Drop-In Center for those experiencing homelessness. SON has partnered with Manassas Presbyterian Church to operate the mobile unit from their parking lot. They have served 400+ individuals with food, basic necessities and the connection to services.
- i. Karen shared information about the dental clinic in the nursing office @ the ARC once a month. The Arc is hosting an Easter egg roll. The ARC's first St. Patty's Day dance was a hit over 200 attended.
- j. Karen spoke of her husband's health issues and the struggles they face to have in home, reliable assistance.

XI. Adjournment

- Karen adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.
- The next meeting will August 1, 2023, 7:00 p.m.