

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

Date: April 2, 2024
Location: Development Services Building, Room 107 A/B
Recorder: Tracy Solomon, Prince William Area Agency on Aging

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDING:

Teresa Belcher, Gainesville District
Laura Feld-Mushaw, Occoquan District
Lillian Garland, Neabsco District
Carly McDowell, Woodbridge District
Sarah Pitkin, Coles District
Justin Wilk, At-Large
Obediah Baker, Occoquan District

- I. Call To Order Josh Lee, Acting Director
- II. Pledge of Allegiance Josh Lee, Acting Director
- III. Welcome & Introductions Josh Lee, Acting Director
- IV. Citizen's Time – Lillian Garland's husband, John Davis, Commissioner of Neabsco Historical
- V. Review of Meeting Minutes: February 2, 2024
Teresa Belcher- moved to approve, Sarah Pitkin-second the motion
- VI. Guest Speaker: Deana Holinka, MA, CRC
VA Dept for Aging & Rehab Services, Division of Rehabilitative Services(DARS):
 - a. Assists individuals with disabilities to prepare for, enter, and maintain employment.
 - b. Our focus is on COMPETITIVE, COMMUNITY-BASED employment.
 - c. Participation with DARS is VOLUNTARY
 - d. Each case is client-driven and services are individualized based on client needs, strengths, and interests.
 - e. There are now 2 entry points into D . Career Exploration, Self-Advocacy Instruction,
 - f. Job Readiness Skills Training (work-related communication and employer expectations), Counseling on post-secondary education and training options.
 - g. Must meet VR Services Eligibility Requirements.
 - h. Areas of Functional Limitation Considered for DARS Eligibility: Mobility, Self Direction/Care, Interpersonal Skills, Communication, Work Tolerance, and Work Skills.
 - i. Other DARS Programs and Services. Project Search, Supported employment services
 - j. Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center is a residential campus in Fishersville, VA
- VII. Old Business Josh Lee, Acting Director
 - a. Discussions continue to be had between Josh and Sarah Henry on bi-laws for the Committee and with the County Attorney to combine DSB and COA into one meeting.

- VIII. New Business Josh Lee, Acting Director
- a. Two new appointees announced, Obediah Baker, Justin Wilk
- IX. Host Agency Updates Josh Lee, Acting Director
- a. Quarterly budget reports will be generated soon and he will have those for the group's next meeting.
 - b. Announcement of events happening in the Community that Aging will be attending. AARP, Scam Jam, Shred Truck, and Parkinson's Alliance.
 - c. Josh will send links to events to share with others.
- X. Member Time and Announcements
- a. Laura Feld-Mushaw- Had trouble registering on the AARP website.
 - b. Lillian Garland-Shared about how her daughter wants to move to England.
 - c. Sarah Pitkin-ARCS 60th Anniversary year, September will have a street festival. Didlake has a new program, Project Search, Westminster Lake Ridge.

Adjournment- 8:18 p.m.

Josh Lee, Acting Director

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 5 County Complex Ct. room 207 A/B