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Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Advisory Council

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

2:00 PM

Room A, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senator Ricky Hill, Co-Chair; Representative Julie Mayberry, Co-Chair

Non-legislative members present: Dr. Gohar Azhar, Carolyn Berry, Este Frazier, Jennifer Hallum, Kerry Jordan, Vanessa "Ness" Nehus, Amyleigh Overton-McCoy, Melanie Thomasson, Dr. Jeanne Wei, Toney Bailey (non-voting), Jay Hill, (non-voting)

Taco Williams-Price was a proxy for David Cook.

Other members present: Senator Linda Chesterfield; Representative Harlan Breaux

Senator Hill called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve Minutes for the September 22, 2021 Meeting [Exhibit B]

Ms. Vanessa "Ness" Nehus made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Carolyn Berry, and the motion carried.

Review and Discussion of the Alzheimer's and Dementia Arkansas State Plan (ADASP) [Exhibit C]

Representative Mayberry provided an overview of the ADASP as well as the recommendation to create the Alzheimer's and Dementia Services Coordinator position within the Arkansas Department of Health.

Discussion of Home and Community Based Care Services [Handout 1]

Mr. Jay Hill, Director, Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services, Department of Human Services (DAABHS); Ms. Patricia Gann, Deputy Director, DAABHS; Ms. Mary Franklin, Director, Division of County Operations, Department of Human Services; provided an overview and description of the ARChoices Program in addition to the program requirements.

Presentation Regarding the Education of Community Individuals and First Responders in Dementia Care [Handout 2]

Dr. Robin McAtee, Ph.D., RN, Assistant Professor, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, University of Arkansas Medical Sciences, presented a PowerPoint presentation, entitled, "Alzheimer's Disease Training and Education with the UAMS Arkansas Geriatric Education Collaborative" (AGEC). The AGECE mission is to provide high-quality programs that support healthy aging in Arkansas for older adults. Dr. McAtee reported, the \$3.71 million, five-year Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program grant provides free community and health professional programs focused on geriatric training and education.

The Advisory Council was encouraged to attend the upcoming 5th Annual Dementia Conference that will be held December 9-11, 2021. **[Handout 3]**

Representative Mayberry announced the next committee meeting will be held in January 2022.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.