

Minutes
Adult Protection Coordinating Council
February 12, 2024

Call to Order/Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance

Kelly Cordell presided and called the meeting to order.

Introductions

The council completed introductions for those present.

Approval of Minutes

Kelly Cordell called for approval of minutes from December 4, 2023. A motion was made to approve the minutes and it was seconded. The minutes were approved.

Resignation of Chair and Vice Chair

Kelly Cordell announced her resignation as Chair, and indicated she issued a letter to committee members indicating the same. She reported that Alice Hughes, Vice Chair, has also resigned. The committee was provided a copy of the bylaws and APCC regulation. Voting members were identified and confirm a quorum of voting members were present. Discussion included voting by ballot if no nominations were made. Beth Franco was nominated as Chair by Dale Watson, and the nomination was seconded by Kelly Cordell. Dale Watson was nominated as Vice Chair by Kelly Cordell and was seconded by Beth Franco and Wilson Dillard. Wilson Dillard moved to close the nominations and accept the nominations by acclamation. The vote was conducted by hand raising, and the nominees were approved unanimously. They will serve a two-year term. The committee will continue to meet at DSS, quarterly, on the second Monday from 10 – 12. Meeting schedule will include the following dates: May 13, Aug. 12, Nov. 18 (moved due to Veterans Day). Meetings will be in-person. If a representative cannot attend, they are to contact the Chair directly and request a link for remote participation.

Wilson Dillard thanked Kelly Cordell for her service and for maintaining the council during a difficult time.

Discussion on ensuring that meetings are posted with a 30-day notice and this can be posted on the DHHS website, ensuring that FOIA and ADA guidelines are met and that information is available to the public. This can also be posted on the Ombudsman's public calendar. If there is a public request to speak, this can be placed on the agenda through a request to the Chair. Instructions on this process will be included with posting for the next meeting.

Agency Updates

Disability Rights SC:

Beth Franco reported:

There was proposed bill language written for the statewide Olmstead plan. Due to the pending Senate bill 915 that would reorganize agencies, the desire was not to present as a separate bill and it was added as an amendment. It passed the Senate Medical Affairs committee and will be presented to the full Senate. It includes language for a statewide ADA coordinator.

Department of Health and Human Services:

Margaret Alewine reported:

- The Department is working to implement a pilot for interagency staffing of complex cases with Prisma Health and agency partners. The intent is to provide hospitals with a framework and process to escalate cases that have multiple agency involvement.
- Wilson Dillard requested that at a future meeting, DHHS present an update and overview of Medicaid eligibility

South Carolina Department on Aging:

Brenda Stalzer Marchant reported:

- The Department will be providing Dementia 101 training for professionals on a quarterly basis for CRCFs with memory care units. She will send a flyer to partners.

Department of Social Services:

Kelly Cordell reported:

- Updated regulations for Ombudsman were just issued. Updated regulations for APS are expected possibly in March.

Data Reports

DSS/APS:

Kelly Cordell reported:

- For intake, staff took 5497 calls for the Oct. – Dec. time period and accepted 22%.
- Typologies: majority were self-neglect or neglect by caregiver. DSS is reviewing terminology.
- Caseloads are largest for older adults. Younger population is not as prevalent.
- Once an investigation is completed, they confirm whether vulnerable and whether maltreatment occurred.
- Review of the intake tool was conducted and APS accepting only those that meet the requirement of the law.
- They are working on data matching agreement for adults to assist with identification of diagnosis.
- After a case is confirmed as vulnerable with evidence of maltreatment, case goes to protective services.

SLED:

Sabrina Fellers reported:

- 4th quarter showed a slight increase in fatalities for vulnerable adults.
- Annual data: 947 intakes, which is business since 2013. They no longer do “information only” in reporting.
- Of the cases accepted, 188 were closed and 160 unfounded.
- They are conducting annual training for DDSN providers and administration. One DSN board has requested training for onboarding staff. DMH conducts their own training.

Ombudsman:

No data available

Attorney General:

- For last quarter, 33 complaints received, 17 cases opened and 5 arrests/indictments
- Jennifer Long will be providing reports going forward

Other Discussion Topics:

Kelly Cordell called for any additional discussion topics/concerns/updates:

Kelly Cordell – APS has tried to procure emergency stabilization beds and Ms. Cordell provided a summary of those efforts (beds in 2 CRCFs, Patriot Living in Florence, Cottonwood in Bishopville). They are working with DMH to staff them and they are time-limited.

Meeting Attendance

Members Attending:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency/Organization</u>
Kelly Cordell	SC Dept. of Social Services/APS/Chair
Ann Dalton	SC DDSN
Margaret Alewine	SCDHHS
Theresa Brown	SCLLR
Beth Franco	Disability Rights SC
Sabrina Fellers, Steve Price	Lt. SLED/Vulnerable Adult Investigation Unit
Angie Smith	SC DHEC
Jennifer Long	Attorney General
Krisdee Clark	SC Home Care and Hospice Association
Dale Watson	Long Term Care Ombudsman
Lisa Catalinotto, Jennifer Aplin	SC Commission on Prosecution Coordination
Wilson Dillard	SC Health Care Association

Others Attending:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency/Organization</u>
Brenda Stalzer Marchant (proxy)	SC Department on Aging
Trista Board (proxy)	SLED SVU/Vulnerable Adult Investigation Unit
Icess Booker (proxy)	Department of Consumer Affairs

Members Absent:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency/Organization</u>
Connie Munn	SC Department on Aging
Troy Bell	SC Assn of Community Residential Programs
	SC Medical Association
	SC Police Chiefs Association
	SC Court Administration
	Family Member of Consumer of Institutional Services
Jarrod Bruder	SC Sheriffs' Association
Lewis "Jackie" Swindler	SC Criminal Justice Academy
Bailey Parker	SC Department of Consumer Affairs
Brian Bennett	Criminal Justice Academy
Mike Lanier (proxy)	SC Criminal Justice Academy
Delores Johnson (proxy)	SC Assn of Community Residential Programs