

River Valley Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2017

**Persons Attending**

Natalie Prater, DBHDD  
David Marlowe, Alzheimer's Association  
Elizabeth Young, RVRC/AAA  
Cindy Miller, Access2Independence  
Eric D. Jackson, DHS, Kinship Care  
LaCarole Lloyd, RVRC/AAA  
Katie Howard, RVRC/AAA  
Jay O'Neal, Disability Service Center  
Chandra L. Wilson/GLSP

The meeting held at the offices of the River Valley Area Agency on Aging in Columbus was opened by Katie Howard at 9:30 a.m. The minutes of the past meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion made by Jay O'Neal and seconded by David Marlowe. Ms. Howard announced that the call in option was available for persons who could not attend the meeting in person.

The speaker, Eric D. Jackson, Regional Kinship Navigator for the Department of Family and Children Services, was introduced by Katie Howard. Mr. Jackson showed a short video about the clients and services they offer. Mr. Jackson covers region 8 in Georgia and that covers 16 counties, Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, and Webster. Kinship refers to Grandparents or other relatives that are raising children for any reason. DFCS does not have to have had involvement. Some of the services that they can make referrals for are legal aid, childcare, and support groups. Families or anyone can make a referral and the referral form is located on their website, <https://dhs.georgia.gov/kinship-navigator-program>. Mr. Jackson informed that he is currently serving approximately 60 families at this time. Mr. Jackson also answered questions from those in attendance and provided his contact information for any further questions.

**Partner Reports:**

- Katie Howard introduced RVRC AAA's new monitor, Marie Peterson. She also shared about the Senior Hunger Summit Regional Forum that will be held at RVRC on 3/31/17 and invited those in attendance to participate and share the event with others

- David Marlow with the Alzheimer's Association shared that they are taking 30 people to the State Capital on 2/3/17 for Alzheimer's Awareness Day. He informed that they would be advocating for HCBS funding, Elder Abuse Prosecution and Uniform POA.
- Jay O'Neal with the Disability Service Center shared that they have recently moved to a new location. He also shared that they are currently hiring for 4 more telephone reassurance counselors. He also gave more information on their Telephone Reassurance Program.

The next meeting will be held on April 27, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. If anyone would like to host this meeting, please contact Elizabeth Young as [eyoung@rivervalleyrcaaa.org](mailto:eyoung@rivervalleyrcaaa.org)

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth Young