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## Aging Advisory Committee

10:00 A.M., Thu., Feb. 8, 2024

GNRC Offices | Fourth Floor  
44 Vantage Way, Nashville, TN 37228

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### MEETING AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER; APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)**  
**Don Ames**  
*Committee Chair*
2. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**
  - a. **Annual Advisory Committee Orientation**  
Staff will provide an overview of GNRC, its aging and disability programs, and the Aging Advisory Committee's roles, responsibilities, and meeting schedule.  
**GNRC Staff**
  - b. **Program Updates**  
Staff will present an update on the Aging Area Plan, TCAD's annual monitoring review, and other important program activities.  
**GNRC Staff**
3. **ACTION ITEMS:**
  - a. **No Action Items**
4. **REGULAR REPORTS:**
  - a. **Chair's Report**  
**Don Ames**
  - b. **Staff Report**  
**Sara Fowler**  
*Director of Aging and Disability Services*
5. **OTHER BUSINESS**
6. **ADJOURN**

(A) Indicates an attachment is available in the packet

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## **Agenda Item 1.**

# **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes for the Aging Advisory Committee meeting held on 05/15/23 have been prepared for review and approval.

**ACTION:** Approve Meeting Minutes

# GNRC MEETING MINUTES

## Aging Advisory Committee

### INFORMATION

**DATE:** May 15, 2023

**LOCATION:** 44 Vantage Way, Suite 450, Nashville, TN 37228

**QUORUM:** Yes

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 10:04 a.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 11:10 a.m.

### ATTENDANCE

	<b>Members Present</b>
Cheatham Representatives	<i>None present</i>
Davidson Representatives	Dan Dillon
Dickson Representatives	Martha Kinel
Houston Representatives	<i>None present</i>
Humphreys Representatives	<i>None present</i>
Montgomery Representatives	<i>None present</i>
Robertson Representatives	<i>None present</i>
Rutherford Representatives	<i>None present</i>
Stewart Representatives	<i>None present</i>
Sumner Representatives	Will Duncan
Trousdale Representatives	<i>None present</i>
Williamson Representatives	Betsy Hester
Wilson Representatives	<i>None present</i>
At Large Representatives	<i>None present</i>

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Committee Chair

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Aging & Disability Services Director

## **AGENDA ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Sara Fowler, Director of Aging and Disability Services, called the Aging Advisory Committee meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Chair Don Ames was unable to attend today's meeting, and in the absence of a Vice Chair, Ms. Fowler conducted the meeting. Ms. Fowler asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2023 meeting.

Mr. Will Duncan moved to approve with Ms. Betsy Hester seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

## **AGENDA ITEM 2: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **2a. Overview of Aging & Disability Provider Network**

Ms. Fowler presented information about the network of providers who deliver aging and disability services with grant funds provided by GNRC via TN Commission on Aging and Disability (TCAD), the U.S. Administration for Community Living, and other funding partners.

- The presentation included an overview of the services provided, positive impacts made, ongoing challenges, and recent efforts to expand and improve the network.

#### **Questions, Comments, and Feedback**

- On the topic of family caregivers, Mr. Duncan asked about the provisions when dealing with caregivers who are taking advantage of the person they are caring for.
- Ms. Hester asked for more information about Salama Urban Ministries, one of GNRC's Relative Caregiver services partners.
  - Ms. Fowler stated that GNRC contracts with Salama as part of the relative caregiver program which aids grandparents raising grandchildren. GNRC helps pay for summer camps, after school care and tutoring through this program. Salama only services Davidson County.
- On the topic of provider network capacity, slide 10 of the presentation, Ms. Martha Kinel asked for clarification if the numbers presented were regards to all clients or just new clients.
- On the topic of provider staffing difficulties, Ms. Kinel asked if GNRC is aware of how service providers are advertising their staffing vacancies.
  - GNRC does not know, but Ms. Fowler and Mr. Michael Skipper, Executive Director of the Greater Nashville Regional Council, both reiterated that that would be a worthwhile conversation to have with providers.
- On the topic of GNRC's Voucher Program, Ms. Hester asked if Family Caregivers can receive payments.
- Ms. Kinel asked if most GNRC's clients are income based.
  - Ms. Fowler stated that depending on a client's income, services may be of no or little cost to them. For those over a certain income there is a cost-share program and daily costs of living are part of this calculation. GNRC does not cancel services in the event a client does not pay their cost-share.

- Ms. Kinel asked if individuals willing to provide in-home services could become part of the provider network.
  - Ms. Fowler stated that, due to insurance requirements, GNRC does not contract individuals for services. It is possible for a client to hire a professional individual through the self-directed program.

## 2b. Program Updates

### Committee Bylaws

Mr. Skipper presented the final version of the Aging & Disability Advisory Committee (ADAC) bylaws, which were adopted at the March committee meeting. Emphasis was placed on new membership terms, including allowing appointment by the Executive Director in the case of vacancies, clarified non-voting member definitions and aligned officer terms with program year.

### Area Plan

Ms. Fowler provided an update on the Area Plan received by TCAD. GNRC's Area Plan was conditionally approved and will be fully approved after GNRC signs TCAD assurances. The Area Plan is online for public review on GNRC's website.

### TCAD Monitoring

Ms. Fowler stated that no further information has been offered from the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability regarding TCAD's FY 2022-2023 monitoring of GNRC's AAAD services.

### Database Transition

Ms. Fowler provided an update on the database transition from WellSky to Mon Ami. The process has been incredibly stressful for GNRC staff, but the team has been able to adapt. Advanced reporting seems to be low on the priority list for the software developers. Mr. Skipper echoed the sentiment that report running capabilities are still limited.

### Adult Protective Services (APS) Legislation

Ms. Fowler updated the committee on new APS legislation that prevents the organization from investigating self-neglect cases, which they are now putting on the individual Area Agencies on Aging and Disability (AAAD)s to monitor. There is no infrastructure for the AAADs to handle this responsibility and GNRC's main concern is on individual wellbeing of people in the community. The current directive is to continue to report cases to APS, but APS will not be able to investigate.

### Symposium on Aging

Ms. Fowler provided information on the recent Symposium on Aging hosted by TennCare, to develop a comprehensive plan for addressing the gaps in care for seniors in the State. Mr. Skipper expressed an interest in seeing TCAD become involved in these efforts to work with other state-wide organizations.

### Peer Exchange with Hillsborough County Aging Services

Mr. Skipper provided information on the recent peer exchange he and Deputy Director Michelle Lacewell did with Hillsborough County Aging Services in Tampa, FL. Of particular interest is their fundraising initiatives, which GNRC hopes to replicate, especially as ARP & CARES Act funding approaches expiration.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3. ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items for this meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4. REGULAR REPORTS**

#### 4a. Chair's Report

There was no report.

#### 4b. Staff Report

There was nothing further to report.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5. OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Hester requested a follow-up conversation with Ms. Fowler about GNRC's presence at the Williamson County fair. Ms. Fowler stated that in this upcoming fiscal year GNRC will be reducing its presence at local fairs due to time commitments of such events but would be happy to have a conversation outside of the meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6. ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.