

April 6, 2016

Dear Commissioner Phillips,

I am writing today to request a waiver of the two term limit on appointment to the Guilford County Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee for Jessie Cardwell. Ms. Cardwell is an extremely valuable part of our committee. She currently serves as Chairperson of the committee as well as Chairperson of Subcommittee II, coordinating a team of two other volunteers in visiting ten adult and family care homes in the county. She ensures that visits are completed as assigned and has regular contact with me about concerns that have been identified during the visits.

The Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee provides a valuable service to the most frail and vulnerable members of our community. However, given the nature of our work, it is not a volunteer opportunity for everyone and we often have difficulty finding members who are willing and able to serve on the committee. We rely on our more seasoned members, like Ms. Cardwell, to help orient newer members and help them feel comfortable with their roles and responsibilities on the committee.

With this in mind, I respectfully request that Ms. Cardwell be appointed for another term on the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

Kimberley D. Johnson
Senior Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman
Area Agency on Aging