

**ADVISORY COUNCIL
TO THE GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING.**

SEPT 12, 2017 MEETING

Call to order at 2:00 p.m. by Richard Golden followed by Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Present: Richard Golden, Linda VanEtten, Florence Ohle, Lyn Brunner, Barbara Lindsay, Lillian Moore, Dorothy True, Patty Caporta, Terry McGee Ward, Ken Brooks

Excused: Kim Kaplan, Larry Krajeski, Beverly Myers, Dawn Wallant

Absent: Larry Gardner, Michelle Black, Ernest Harris,

NEW MEMBER: Richard Golden read the Legislature Resolution appointing Beverly Myers to the Advisory Council. We will welcome Beverly next month as she was unable to make it to this meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Valerie Chereck, Pending Mountaintop Area Representative

JUNE MINUTES: Motion made by Patricia Caporta seconded by Lillian Moore, to accept June 2017 minutes with no changes.

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:

EFFECTIVE WITH THIS MEETING REPORTS FROM CONNIE BENTLEY – AGING SERVICES COORDINATOR; TEZERA PULICE – NUTRITION COORDINATOR AND RUTH PFORTE - VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR WILL BE GIVEN TO TERRY PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND READ BY TERRY AT THE MEETING.

ATTACHED IS A REPORT FROM CONNIE BENTLEY

ATTACHED IS A REPORT FROM RUTH PFORTE GIVEN AFTER THE MEETING – PLEASE REVIEW AND SEND ANY COMMENTS PERTAINING TO NEW VOLUNTEERS

TEZERA WAS OUT SICK – NO REPORT

Ken Brooks, Business Manager:

- AIP 2017 (Annual Implementation Plan) is STILL in its final stage of approval. .
- AIP 2018 preparation will start soon. Due to the State by Dec. 4th 2017.
- 2018 County Budget – Is done, Terry and I were scheduled to meet with the Legislators on Sept. 13, 2017, but the meeting was cancelled.

Terry McGee, Executive Director:

- Terry explained that due to staffing issues, she would be reading reports from the three coordinators. The supervisors are having a lot more time restrictions placed on them which is resulting in OT requests.
- The purchase order to replace Athens flooring has been approved. We are meeting with the flooring people on Friday 9/15/17.
- Terry recommended that the Advisory Council take a look at the Albany Guardian Society website. There are some interesting trainings available.
- Terry discussed the meeting that took place with Mr. Groden, County Administrator, Mr. Kaplan, County Attorney, Mary Jo Jaegar, Budget Director, Ruth, Ken and herself regarding insurance requirements placed on the county by CNCS, the overseers of the RSVP grant.
- Terry handed out samples of the FIRST 48 HOURS pamphlet for the council's review and input.
- The Senior Day event for the next two years will take place on 5/18/18 and 5/19/19, no theme has been selected for next year as of yet.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Lyn Brunner discussed some issues that were brought to her attention regarding a nursing home in Catskill. Terry and Lyn will meet after the Council meeting to contact the region Ombudsmen representative.
- Council members were asked to sign up for one of the public hearing meetings. They are as follows:
 - Monday 10/2/17 12:30 p.m. Windham Town Hall – Valerie Chereck
 - Wednesday 10/11/17 12:30 p.m. Acra Community Center – Dorothy True
 - Monday 10/16/17 7:00 p.m. Greenville Pioneer Hall – Barbara Lindsay
 - Thursday 10/26/17 12:30 p.m. Tannersville Village Bldg. – Linda Van EttenAny or all members are invited to attend if they wish. We just need one appointed that would definitely be there.
- A copy of a legal notice that was posted in the paper was handed out to the members. The notice explained our intent to apply for a grant to purchase two new vans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard Golden, Coxsackie Area Representative:

The Athens Food Pantry will have its grand opening soon

Linda VanEtten, DSS: NA

Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs Director: ABSENT,

Lynn Brunner, Athens Area Representative:

- Reported on Nursing Home issues.

Larry Gardner, Legislature: Absent

Ernest Harris, Catskill Area Representative: Absent

Kim Kaplan, Public Health: Absent / Patricia Caporta Present:

- Discussed Emergency Preparedness Symposium. (see attached flyer)

Larry Krajewski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing: Absent

Barbara Lindsay, Mobility Mgr. the Arc of Ulster County:

- Reported on an Emergency Route (706) change. There are 16 steps that need to be done to complete this change. (Attached is a copy of the new route).

Lillian Moore, RSVP:

- Wanted to remind everyone that the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon is Oct. 5, 2017 please get your RSVP's back to Ruth as soon as you can.

Florence Ohle, Director Community Action:

- Community Action is very busy.
- Have had several food pantry meetings with Feeding America and trying to get the farmer's food to the consumers.
- Background checks on volunteers are getting more and more sophisticated, currently there are 3 background checks that need to be done on each volunteer.
- Working on 2017 Thanksgiving Dinner with the Catskill Elks.
- Winterization Program is being worked on.
- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Dorothy True Cairo Area Representative:

- The Cairo Park Program has been put on hold until spring 2018. Will keep you posted on progress.
- October 24, 2017 the Cairo Rotary Club is having a meeting from 1 – 3 p.m. At the Cairo Library "What can they do for you?" is the theme.

Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground: Absent

Meeting was adjourned by Florence Ohle & seconded by Linda Van Etten @ 3:07 pm.

Next Meeting will be: Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017 @ 2:00 PM in the Greene County Staff Training Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS