

**ADVISORY COUNCIL
TO THE GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Richard Golden, Linda Van Etten, Florence Ohle, Lyn Brunner, Patricia Caporta, Larry Krajewski, Barbara Lindsay, Dorothy True, John LoPresti, Dawn Wallant, Terry McGee Ward

Excused: Lillian Moore, Ken Brooks

Absent: Larry Gardner, Michelle Black, Ernest Harris, Beverly Myers,

GUEST SPEAKERS: NA

MINUTES: June 2018 minutes – Motion made by Linda Van Etten to approve, 2nd by Lyn Brunner. All in favor. Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:

- **CONNIE BENTLEY** – AGING SERVICES COORDINATOR – 5 clients are receiving assistance from the Hearthstone Companion Care. This is appropriate for clients who need a low level of care.

The Aide agencies are still experiencing difficulty maintaining Aides, but we regularly communicate with the Aide agency schedulers and other staff. We have addressed the concern in many ways, including offering more money. We will continue to work closely with our agency contacts.

Case managers have recently shared the responsibility of answering NY Connects calls due to staff vacancies. After being trained this fall, our new staff person, Nicole will be answering these calls.

Medicare Open enrollment is 10/5 to 12/7

HEAP busy with early mail outs. Full season begins in Mid-November.

Both areas require staff to attend out of town meetings.

- **RUTH PFORTE** – RSVP NO REPORT
- **TEZERA PULICE**- NUTRITION COORDINATOR NO REPORT

Ken Brooks, Business Manager:

- Final approval for 2 new VANS from NYSDOT Grant has been given. Still waiting for the letter.

Terry McGee, Executive Director: Thank you note to Senators Amedore and Serino for the DOT grant.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Volunteer Recognition Day is October 4th at Community Life Church.
- New staff Member Nicole starts October 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard Golden, Coxsackie Area Representative: Earnest Harris is resigning. His wife is ill. We accept with great regret. We need a Catskill replacement. We will reach out to him.

Lynn Brunner, Athens Area Representative:

Signs for the Athens center was discussed. Can we get a sandwich sign for the sidewalk? We need to talk to Shane, DOT, Village and Town of Athens.

Kim Kaplan, Public Health: Absent / Patricia Caporta:

- October 1 – WAJPL club flu shots.

Larry Krajieski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing:

- Trailer replacement program. Looking for clients. Land has to be owned. RESTORE program funds almost gone.

Barbara Lindsay, Mobility Mgr. the Arc of Ulster County: Route 711/Teal bus route is going to the college, hospital, and train station.

Florence Ohle, Director Community Action:

- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Elks again this year, open to all.

Dorothy True Cairo Area Representative: Excused

Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground: Our fundraiser is the 27th in Germantown

John Lopresti – Mountaintop Representative: Valerie has resigned and Judi has applied for membership.

Meeting was adjourned @ 2:32 pm by Larry Krajieski and seconded by Dawn Wallant.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018 @ 2:00 PM in the Greene County Staff Training Room,

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS