

ADVISORY COUNCIL
For GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT of AGING
DATE: MAR. 12, 2019 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, Judi Lopresti, Patricia Caporta, Lillian Moore, Lyn Brunner, Dorothy True, John Lopresti, Ed Bloomer, Larry Krajewski, Barbara Lindsay, Beverly Myers, Ken Brooks, Terry McGee Ward.

Excused: Dawn Wallant

Absent: Michelle Deyo

GUEST SPEAKER: NA

MINUTES REVIEW & APPROVAL: Jan 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved with no changes. Motion made by Linda Van Etten and seconded by Lyn Brunner.

Program Reports: Terry McGee Ward:

Nutrition:

- Had a YEAR IN REVIEW with Nutrition Staff. Terry asked many questions and talked about 2019 projections
- Next evening meal in Athens will be Friday, June 14th @ 4:00 pm

Client Services:

- **OUTREACH:** the following libraries due for Outreach: **Cairo 2/13/19, Tannersville 2/22/19, Catskill 3/4/19, Coxsackie 3/7/19, Palenville 3/12/19.** Athens 4/8/19, Greenville pending. True outreach numbers for the 4 locations to date is 6.
- **Information & Assistance/Public Information (for the 4 locations) - 18.**
- **I&A, Public Information & Education, Caregiver Services:**
 - Caregiver Placement AD – Tine Diner, Greenville (1500 mats for 3 month time period)
 - Pierro Law firm and Everhome Care Advisors 2/28- Presentation, New Technology for Caregivers – 11 attended.
 - NY Connects brochures out to various Greene County locations
 - Community Resource Day 3/28/19 – Nicole sill set up table
 - Investigated the Hearthstone location for having an Alzheimer Support Group-
 - Thought: we could pay for the care of the loved one while partner is attending the meeting. Hearthstone Staff was very much on board with the idea of having meeting there. Alzheimer's Association trains volunteers to run these meetings and there are 2 in Greene County already (The Pines and Coxsackie Library), so the request was declined.
 - 3/15 Diabetes Presentation – updates for staff
 - Annual Monitoring and Evaluation activity
 - Planning meeting with Pierro staff – Caregiver Educational Forum – (Important Forms, etc.)

RSVP:

- 1 new volunteer trained for Catskill meals.
- 1 new volunteer will be trained for meals and med. Trans.
- 2 new perspective volunteers (names reviewed by Adv. Council)
- ARC will be volunteering for the Palenville/Kiskatom route
- We are extremely short on volunteers for Meals on the mountain top. We are also in urgent need of additional Medical Transportation Volunteers for all of Greene County. If you know anyone who would like to volunteer on the mountain top please have them contact Ruth.
- 24 vendors signed up for the March 28th Community Resource Day.
- Mountain top Community Resource Day planned for Aug. 22, 2019. Space is limited to 18 vendors
- RSVP Grant for 2019-2020 has been approved.
- Still working on my background check through Truescreen.
- RSVP Advisory council member and Ruth will be attending the Legislative Meeting on Mar. 20, 2019
- National Service Day of Recognition is Apr. 2, 2019. Officials have received their save the date, letters to go out shortly.

Ken Brooks, Business Manager:

- AIP 2019 (Annual Implementation Plan) has been submitted. We are now answering various questions from NYSOFA.
- Rural Health Network, has generously given us a \$10,000 grant to provide Medical Transportation for individuals that are under 60, not on SSI or a Veteran or otherwise not able to get to their medical appointments.
- Have reached out to the Catskill Silver Lining Senior Club to see in any of their members would be interested in joining the Advisory Council. Since Ernie resigned we have not been able to fill his seat.
- Catskill Rotary Club will be hosting a dinner at the Robert J. Antonelli Center on Sunday May 5, 2019. Limited to 100 seats to Catskill residents only. Tickets will be available at the center and our office.

Terry McGee, Executive Director:

- Moving for Better Balance classes will be offered at the Acra Senior Center from 6/4/19-8/27/19 and on the Mountaintop from Sept – Nov. 2019
- Walk with Ease will be offered at the Cairo Library in the early summer of 2019.
- Senior Day event is TENTATIVELY scheduled to be held at the Community Life Church.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Terry is going to type up a drafted version of the by-laws to add a clause that if a member is absent (without excuse) for 3 consecutive meetings, the Board has the right to vote to remove the member. In-active members do not support the purpose of the Advisory Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Barbara Lindsay, Mobility Manager: Starting to book events for 2019. Please let Barb know of any events that she may attend.

Linda VanEtten: Senior Awards: After careful review, the Senior Citizen of the Year is Robert Hoagland of Tannersville and Outstanding Contribution by a Senior is Margaret Snyder of Athens.

The committee requested that in the future a checklist be drafted so they can easily weigh one candidate against another. Mr. Golden suggested that the Committee draft the checklist and have the advisory council review and approve it.

Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs Director: Absent:

Lynn Brunner, Athens Area Representative: Reported that the Rivertown Senior Center had 60 people signed up for the St. Patrick's Day lunch on 3/14/19. Also wanted everyone to be aware of SCAMS that are going around.

Edward Bloomer, Legislature: Bids for prison have come in. Lots of resolutions have been reviewed by Legislators from the Aging Dept.

Kim Kaplan, Public Health: Absent / Patricia Caporta: Medication Asst. Treatment – FPC – Jan 2019 well received. Working on DSRIP to better serve the public in general. Also planning on attending Emergency preparedness training at the Building and Grounds location.

Larry Krajeski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing: Applying for \$300,000 in Home repair grants

Lillian Moore, RSVP: NA

Florence Ohle, Director Community Action: VITA tax prep very busy. Asked if anyone knew how to get ahold of AARP Rep. that is offering Tax Prep at the Antonelli Center. Would like to refer some of her inquiries to them.

Excited to announce their Greenhouse Project. Community Action has purchased a property in Cairo that will be offering Micro Greene to schools and other establishments, hopefully GCDHS. Terry stated that since we do a Farm to Table program, it would be a perfect fit. Wanted to re-state the important value of the Field Goods promotion they have going on. (See attached flyer). Discussed some issues that she heard about The Mews.

Dorothy True Cairo Area Representative: Dottie handed out a survey from the Cairo Library. She would very much appreciate it if everyone would fill it out (see attached). The library is creating a "Welcome Packet" for new library card holders, anything anyone wants to go in it, let Dottie know. Blossom Dearie story is reinstated please put in RTN. Movie Day: Sunday Mar. 31, 2019 1:15 pm the Green Book.

Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground: excused

Beverly Myers Greenville Area Representative: Cairo is having a trip to a Lobster Fest. The flyer was given to Maureen to place in the RTN.

John & Judi Lopresti – Mountaintop Representative: The WAJPL club attendance has been increasing averaging 40 people per meeting. The men of the mountaintop are getting more involved. Discussed transportation needs at The Mews. Please start a bundle of RTN's for The Mews. Create a Shopping Bus flyer to be handed out at The Mews. WAJPL has invited Ken and Barbara to do a presentation at their Apr. 15th meeting.

Richard Golden: Coxsackie Area Representative: Hired someone for the Food Pantry. Back from Florida and ready to get busy.

Meeting was adjourned @ 3:38 pm by John Lopresti and seconded Lillian Moore and (actually everyone, but we only needed one.)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 9, 2019 @ 2:00 PM in the Greene County Staff Training Room,

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS