

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

**DATE: APR 9, 2019**

**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, Judi Lopresti, Patricia Caporta, Lyn Brunner, Dorothy True, John Lopresti, Ed Bloomer, Larry Krajeski, Barbara Lindsay, Ken Brooks, Terry McGee Ward.

**Excused:** Florence Ohle, Beverly Myers, Lillian Moore

**Absent:** Michelle Deyo, Dawn Wallant

GUEST SPEAKER: NA

**MINUTES REVIEW & APPROVAL:** Mar 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved with no changes. Motion made by Patricia Caporta and seconded by Linda Van Etten.

**Program Reports: Terry McGee Ward:**

**Nutrition:**

- SENIOR DAY MENU: American Sub (Turkey, ham & cheese), apple, potato salad and a chocolate chip cookie.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> Evening Meal @ Athens: ITALIAN NIGHT: Antipasto salad, Italian sampler (meat lasagna, fettuccini Alfredo, eggplant parmesan. And sausage), dessert: tiramisu  
Suggestion contribution: \$4.00 per person.
- Per diem drivers needed
- Monitoring is underway/surveys will be going out for congregate & HDM meals.
- Possible rearranging of some staff in the near future to accommodate staff shortages.
- CDPHP has agreed to sponsor Chocolate Easter bunnies for the Easter lunch on Thursday 4/18/19.
- HOSPICE is presenting at centers in April: 4/1-Catskill, 4/18-Athens, 4/19-Coxsackie, 4/25-Acra & 4/29-Jewett speaking time will be 11:15 am.

**Client Services:**

- Waitlist numbers: Level 1:3, Level 2:5, PERS:0, Caregiver: 0.
- OUTREACH: In March we held Outreach events in Catskill, Coxsackie and Hunter, bringing the total to 6 for February and March. Our last scheduled event was April 8<sup>th</sup> in Athens. Although we did not reach a lot of people, (only a few at each site), Connie felt that in most cases, it was still time well spent. She had the opportunity to speak to people in this quiet environment-including sharing agency information with the Library staff.
- CAREGIVER: The Northeast Alzheimer's Assoc. hosts 2 support groups in Greene County. One in Coxsackie and one at The Pines in Catskill. Volunteer facilitators are trained through the

Assoc. to run these groups. Another support group was discussed between Connie & Hearthstone Care. The request was denied by the Alzheimer's Association, they felt it was too close to The Pines.

- EISEP: No change
- NY Connects: Surveys were sent and compiled. Results were favorable. The LTC Council is active and new members join regularly.
- MIPPA: Application for funding completed and sent. Reporting for time period of no funding completed and sent.
- Homebound Transportation: Drivers are limited, changes are being made to cover needs. We have limited the number of rides for clients, and we are using other sources of funding to meet the demand.
- We are preparing for an earlier Annual Review this year, so monitoring times are being changed and updated.
- We are communicating with The Pierro Law Group for joint workshops in the future. They have presented great workshops in the past including New Technology for the Caregiver.

#### **RSVP:**

- Drivers needed for Palenville, Kiskatom & Jewett.
- Medical Transportation volunteers are needed.
- Volunteer training continues.
- 3 new perspective volunteers were announced at the meeting.
- RSVP grant was approved.
- Background check still being done, the due date was extended to June 2019.
- Proclamation given to RSVP by the Legislatures. Ed Bloomer talked about his mom who use to volunteer.
- 4/2/19-National Service Recognition Day: Marilyn Farrell, Paul Macko and Ed Bloomer all help with the HDM that day.
- MLK Community Resource Day brought in 67 attendees and 39 vendors.
- Mt. Top Community Resource Day will be 8/22/19.

#### **Ken Brooks, Business Manager:**

- Talked about the NEW postage paid envelopes that we will be using by 4/22/19.

#### **Terry McGee, Executive Director:**

- Reviewed notes from the monthly department head meeting.
- Talked about the new "SAFETY BRIEF"
- Senior Day event will be held at the Catskill Freight master's Point

## **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) 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.**  
**A motion was made by Dorothy True and seconded by Larry Krajeski. After the next meeting this by-law change will take effect.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Dept. of Human Services is sharing an intern with Mental Health. She spent one day with us and we plan on seeing her again soon.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Barbara Lindsay, Mobility Manager:** Visited The Mews again. Routes 708 and 709 will be changing to cover the Mountaintop twice a week. Met with several clubs and attended the MLK resources day.

**Linda VanEtten: Senior Awards:** NA

**Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs Director: Absent:**

**Lynn Brunner, Athens Area Representative:** Easter lunch is 4/18/19.

**Edward Bloomer, Legislature:** MLK Resource day was very well received. Coxsackie Athens Rotary Club is busy. Talk briefly about the Vietnam Traveling Wall that will take place on 8/21/19-8/26/19

**Patricia Caporta:** The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Exercise will be taking place in Cairo.

**Larry Krajeski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing:** The home repair program is still active and recently applied for \$100,000 with the RESTORE program.

**Lillian Moore, RSVP: Excused**

**Florence Ohle, Director Community Action: Excused**

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. Florence asked Dick to report that the meeting did take place. She will have more to report at the next meeting.

**Dorothy True Cairo Area Representative:** Dottie talked about the ACRA center. She wanted everyone to know that the St. Patrick's Day lunch was excellent, but she wanted us to know how depressing the site was. It is in need of major repairs. She wants us to look for alternative sites, or have the town do some major improvements. Ed Bloomer said he would look into with Terry.

**Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground: Absent**

**Beverly Myers Greenville Area Representative: Excused**

**John & Judi Lopresti – Mountaintop Representative:** St. Patrick's dinner was delicious. The WAJPL attendance is increasing and would like more newsletters. Please double the amount.

**Richard Golden: Coxsackie Area Representative:** Questioned why his email from Maureen had a red warning on it. It was discovered that gmail is going through changes nothing on the County side.

Meeting was adjourned @ 3:20 pm by Linda Van Etten and seconded Dorothy True.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 @ 2:00 PM in the Greene County Staff Training Room,**

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS