

**Advisory Council for Greene County Department for the Aging**  
**April 11, 2023 @ 2:00 – In person with option to join via Zoom**

**PERSON CONDUCTING MEETING:** Dick Golden

**RECORDER:** Katy Drake\*/Consultant \* = Zoom

**ATTENDANCE:** Chair Dick Golden, Vice Chair Linda Van Etten, Lula Anderson, Ernie Armstead, Ed Bloomer, Tami Bone (staff), Bea Clappin\*, Don Crespino, Charlene Mabey, Lillian Moore, Tezera Pulice (staff), Jeffrey Ruso, Stephanie Schleuderer (staff), Dottie True,

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Lynn Brunner, Michelle Deyo, Kendra Huber, Judy LoPresti, Beverly Meyers, Florence Ohle, Dawn Wallant and Molly Whitbeck

**GUESTS:** Ann Krieg\*/DSS, Danielle Kane (Staff), Ruth Pforte (Staff) and Renee Birnbaum/Choice Connections

With 11 members present, plus 4 staff and 2 guests, a quorum was available.

The Chair opened the meeting at 2:01 with roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/INFORMATION	PERSONAL RESPONSIBLE	DUE	DONE
<b>Review of Previous Minutes</b>	The February 14 and March 14, 2023 meeting minutes were approved. Due to the snow storm the March meeting was virtual and a quorum was not available.	Lillian made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ernie seconded the motion. Minutes approved with all in favor.			<b>X</b>
<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	Renee Birnbaum, Choice Connections presented on the free senior advisory services offered to assist with housing connections.	Free Consultation services can be arranged by contacting: <a href="mailto:info@choiceconnectionsny.com">info@choiceconnectionsny.com</a> or (518) 894-2443. Pamphlets were shared via email and can also be picked up at the DHS Office.			
<b>AGING SERVICES</b>	Stephanie reported on a restructuring due to recent	Tami Bone, now serves as the Deputy Director. Ken Brooks, now retired, is in			

<p><b>Nutrition</b></p> <p><b>Volunteer Services</b></p> <p><b>DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b></p>	<p>retirements.</p> <p>Stephanie shared an update as Tezera is in Athens working.</p> <p>Ruth Pforte provided information on new volunteers, training, and Recognition Event plans.</p> <p>Tami Bone provided information on the 2023 budget, the Helping Hands program, Senior Angels and options for respite services.</p> <p>Stephanie shared information on senior activities, donations and staff restructuring &amp;</p>	<p>Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays to assist with the budget and transportation.</p> <p>Danielle shared that the Department is in the process of hiring a new Case Manager. Currently, the Case Managers have about 100 clients each. The impact of COVID restrictions being lifted in the state as of May 11<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Of the 144 new clients who came on during COVID, 113 want to stay on Home Delivered Meals and will need a full assessment.</p> <p>Catskill Senior Center is in process of being painted. The Generator was installed in Athens. Athens will soon be fully staffed.</p> <p>Ruth shared that 6 new volunteers are starting. Ruth is currently planning a recognition luncheon for October 5<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Tami is currently working on the quarterly report. Helping Hands is assisting with grocery pick up and expects to pick up with seasonal chores soon—screens, a/c, etc. Donations are coming in for Senior Angel with one emergency fund request recently. Tami discussed funding options for respite in Greene County.</p> <p>Stephanie discussed the Bingocize Contract for 2 times a week for ten weeks rotating at each senior center.</p>	<p>If Board members are aware of any concerns with new volunteers, please speak with Ruth.</p> <p>Eddy Alzheimer's services does offer free respite home care for those eligible.</p>		
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	responsibilities.	Stephanie shared information on a donation of a chair lift (inside). The previous donation of an outside chair lift's availability was also discussed.			
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### Council Member Announcements & Updates

- \* Linda shared information on outreach as she is now the representative for Halcott, Lexington and Hunter.
- \* Florence on the Mobile Food Pantry: "The mobile food pantry is in Prattsville 2x per month. If there is an ongoing need for food in Jewett, one would just have to call our offices at 518-943-9205 to register for Mobile delivery. We will reach out to our contact at Regional Food Bank to make sure they are aware as well."
- \* Ernie shared information on relief efforts for the fire victim from Main Street, Catskill; the Red Cross is helping the victims. Upcoming dedication of Martin Luther King Drive on the west end of Main Street. The dedication is to be held June 19<sup>th</sup> and a sign will go up. Painting of the Antonelli Senior Center in Catskill and the appreciation for the Senior Clubs.
- \* Jeff reported that two BBQs are planned for the summer at the New Baltimore District 2 Park; a picnic will be for veterans and the other for seniors. Dates are still pending.
- \* Lula reported that the new building could be ready within three months. She shared that the group made Easter Baskets for nursing homes and plans on craft classes in art, stained glass and ceramics starting at the end of June. Lula requested information on the schedule of the Prattsville Mobile Food Pantry.  
Judy sent in a question about a public nurse for the Mountain Top. Tami will contact Judy to follow up.
- \* Dottie shared that Cairo won 17 "Best in the County" Awards in 2023. New building being planned as a Senior Center/Ambulance Headquarters will start out first as a Senior Center due to finances; architect is still working on plans.
- \* Charlene reported on her outreach methods, going to town meetings as Durham does not have a Senior Center.

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

**Next meeting – May 9, 2023 @ 2:00**  
**Meeting Notes Approved By a Quorum on May 9, 2023.**