

ADVISORY COUNCIL to the
GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT for the AGING

APRIL 14, 2015 MINUTES

Call to order at 2pm by Chairperson Richard Golden followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: 6 of 15 members: Richard Golden, Linda VanEtten, Phyllis Beechert, Lynn Brunner, Ernie Harris, and Walter Thompson.

Dept. Staff: Terry McGee Ward, Connie Bentley, Ken Brooks, Ruth Pforte & Tezera Pulice

Excused: Lillian Moore

Absent: Florence Ohle, Michelle Black, Larry Gardner, Kim Kaplan, Larry Krajieski and Dawn Wallant

Guests: Nancy Martin (Public Health) and Dorothy True

MARCH MINUTES: Motion to accept all minutes by Ernie Harris, seconded by Linda VanEtten. Approved

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:

Ruth Pforte, RSVP:

- Health Fair in Catskill on March 26 – successful
- Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service - April 7, 2015 – Participating: County Legislator Gene Hatton; Town of New Baltimore: Supervisor Nick Dellisanti & Councilwoman Shelly VanEtten; Village of Athens Mayor Chris Pfister; Town of Hunter Historian Dede Thorpe & Town of Greenville Supervisor Paul Macko
- Training for Home Delivered Meals volunteers – May 13, 2:30 @ Rivertown
- Crafter's Tea – May 21 @ Rivertown
- Volunteer Recognition – Oct 1 @ Community Life Church
- New volunteers: Mary Boushor of Hannacroix, Carole Kennedy of Coxsackie, Jean Martin of West Coxsackie and Christine Sally of Freehold

Tezera Pulice, Nutrition Report:

- Attended Food Safety training with Gayle (Jewett) and Jojo (Rivertown); 5 year certified on passing test
- Presentations upcoming: Alzheimer's Association & Go Green (recycling)
- Jewett center closed today & possibly tomorrow due to cooler malfunction; waiting on parts – May be eligible for insurance claim after inventory amount lost
- Hamlet bus has been consistent; Colonie bus run will be on Thursdays over summer due to highway dept. being closed on Friday

Connie Bentley, Aging Services:

- Busy!
- Various surveys going out to clients; new forms w/monitoring levels
- SAVVY Caregiver training – “Train the Trainer” – Conducted by Alzheimer's Association; Connie, Andrea & Gwen to be trained here; In turn will go out to community & train others
- Information & Assistance ongoing at centers as Medicare Minute with different topic each month

Ken Brooks, Finance:

- Stats:
 - MEALS: HDM & congregate have decreased over past 7 years (most likely due to loss of clients & “Baby boomers” as younger, healthier seniors)
 - AIDES: Also decreased
 - Medical transportation: Same; In need of more volunteers so we can accommodate what we have & won’t turn away
 - Budget modification to state with reduction may need to be done due to decrease in numbers; medical transport can be rolled over to next year
- Recouping:
 - If funds can’t be rolled over, will have to be given back resulting in a permanent loss
 - Little feedback on raising suggested donation rates; Donations have increased
- NYS Fiscal Assessment – went well; should receive report around 5/16

Terry McGee Ward, Executive Director:

- Introduced guest, Dorothy True – potential new Advisory Council member; went around table with introductions
- Greene County Transit – being switched over to ARC; still working on transitioning phase & service plans
- Annual department report coming out soon – will be on web site
 - All reports being standardized to same format
- EISEP required training
 - Currently require 16 hours per NYS with no specifications
 - Department will be specifying topics
- NYS Annual Assessment
 - Corrective actions almost done
 - Maximum of 10% required data can be missing
 - Need to do follow-ups on referrals
- Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) – NY Connects money
 - County initially did not want
 - NYSOFA to put in writing that there will be no fines for errors; NYSOFA in control
 - Money to help us coordinate sources through the county; to be used for equipment such as computers, copier, laptops
 - Don’t know standard assurances yet
 - No touching money till we know the rules & regulations
 - Will be deposited into a separate account
 - Advance will be needed to NYS
- NYSOFA software – Peers Place won contract bid; no date yet
- Blood pressure clinics – Volunteers cannot do under department as must be properly trained & able to do follow-ups

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard Golden:

- YMCA successfully ran a Program for Homeless Kids in Catskill; 60 participants; grant funded through Catskill School District

Linda VanEtten, DSS:

- HEAP closed
- DSS going to Managed Care thru NYS Medicaid for all home care services

Phyllis Beechert:

- Trying to recruit volunteers for meals, as well as promoting home delivered meals to those in need
- Greenville group happy with Colonie bus trip

Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs: Absent, no report

Lynn Brunner:

- Athens Spring Fling, May 1 @ 11:30am

Larry Gardner, Legislature: No report

Ernest Harris:

- Thanked those who provided information on assistance for church repairs

Kim Kaplan, Public Health:

- Nancy Martin reported that Public Health has been busy with programs of assistance to community at large
- Keep immunizations up-to-date

Larry Krajeski Catskill Mtn Housing: No report

Lillian Moore, RSVP: No report

Florence Ohle, Community Action: No report

Wally Thompson:

- Senior club busy with activities & classes
- Willing to do flower arranging class; will be put in touch with Danielle
- Open House coming up

Dawn Wallant, Common Ground: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ Elections

- On motion of Ernie Harris, seconded by Wally Thompson, membership approved the following slate for this year:

Chairman – Richard Golden

Vice-chairman - Linda VanEtten

Secretary – Florence Ohle

➤ Vacancies

- Per by-laws, minimum of 15 members; 2 present vacancies
- Dorothy True will consider & get in touch with Chairman or Executive Director on decision
- Any other suggestions?

NEW BUSINESS: None

On motion of Ernie Harris, seconded by Wally Thompson, meeting was adjourned as no further business to discuss.

Next meeting: Tues May 12 at 2pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Murphy, GCDHS Administrative Assistant



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Name	RSVP'd Attendance	Signature
Golden, Richard Chairperson		<i>Richard L. Golden</i>
VanEtten, Linda Vice Chairperson		<i>Linda VanEtten</i>
Ohle, Florence Secretary		
Beechert, Phyllis	Yes 4/13/15	<i>Phyllis Beechert</i>
Black, Michelle		
Brunner, Lynn		<i>Lynn Brunner</i>
Gardner, Larry		
Harris, Ernest		<i>Ernest Harris</i>
Kaplan, Kim		<i>Nancy Martin for K. Kaplan</i>
Krajeski, Larry		
Moore, Lillian		Sick - excused
Thompson, Walter		<i>Walter Thompson</i>
Wallant, Dawn		
STAFF:		
McGee Ward, Terry		<i>Terry McGee Ward</i>
Bentley, Connie		<i>Connie Bentley</i>
Brooks, Ken		<i>Ken Brooks</i>
Pforte, Ruth		<i>Ruth Pforte</i>
Pulice, Tezera		<i>Tezera Pulice</i>
GUESTS:		
Dotty True		<i>Dorothy True</i>



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