

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
For GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT of HUMAN SERVICES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 MINUTES
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Richard Golden, Florence Ohle, Lynn Brunner, Ernie Harris, Larry Krajewski, Nancy Martin, Walter Thompson & Dorothy True

Staff: Terry McGee-Ward, Ken Brooks, Connie Bentley, Tezera Pulice, Ruth Pforte

Excused: Linda VanEtten, Michelle Black, Lillian Moore, Dawn Wallant

Absent: Phyllis Beechert, Larry Gardner

Guests: NA

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: N/A

AUGUST MINUTES: Motion made by Wally Thompson, seconded by Ernie Harris, to accept August minutes with no changes.

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:

Terry McGee, Executive Director:

Rosie the Riveter was a big success. 268 Attended. The only issue we heard was about the food, people thought that since the Dept of Aging was sponsoring it the food would be free. We may or maybe have a similar celebration next year. The tentative (and only date available) is October 29, 2016.

Our Ombudsmen Program ends on September 30, 2015. The Program becomes regionalized on October 1, 2015.

BIP (Balancing Incentive Program) phone conferences (every Tuesday) have been giving us little information to go on. We are still waiting for the signed NGA (Notification of Grant Award) we hope to start the program October 1, 2015.

Ruth Pforte, RSVP:

Attended "Rosie the Riveter" event. Was successful in getting one new volunteer and 2 others have shown interest.

We are still in need of volunteers for Home Delivered Meals & Medical Transportation.

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will be October 1, 2015 at the Community Life Church (call Ruth for directions).

Fuel Raffle has started. The tickets are \$5.00 each and the drawing will be on December 10, 2015.

Will there be an Advisory Council Christmas Party? It will be discussed at October's meeting.

Fill the Trolley will be October 4, 2015 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Volunteer Background Checks – George at the Sheriff's Office is no longer doing the background checks.

We have been getting them back slowly. 5 have been returned, 6 are still out and 1 is on Ruth's desk.

Tezera Pulice, Nutrition Coordinator:

Cornell Cooperative Extension is offering a "Detox your home" training class. They will be at Riverside/Athens on September 14, 2015 @ 11:15 am and at Cocksackie Senior Center on September 15, 2015 @ 11:15 am.

September is "FALL PREVENTION MONTH" flyers will be going out to all Home Delivered Meal recipients as well as congregate centers.

October is "FIRE PREVENTION MONTH" we will be coinciding with the schools, and all the centers will be performing "mock fire drills".

Connie Bentley, Aging Services Coordinator:

The Alzheimer's Association has a new radio program that airs every other Wednesday. They will have listeners calling in and asking questions pertaining to their personal experiences regarding Alzheimer's patients.

Fall is a very busy time for us:

HIICAP – open enrollment is Oct 15, 2015 – Dec 7, 2015

HEAP – applications are coming in, both by mail and walk ins.

SAVVY Caregiver Program – The 5 class program will commence on Sept 30, 2015 and end on Oct. 28, 2015 it will take place in our Training Room from 2 – 4 PM

There has been a couple of MSP (Medicare Savings Program) enrollment seminars, but most of are clients are either aware or already enrolled.

Ken Brooks, Business Manager:

Our 2016 Budget has been submitted for approval. Below is our Tentative Budget breakdown

1000	Personnel	\$ 1,013,646.00
2000	Equipment	\$ 9,000.00
2500	Vehicle	\$ 25,000.00
4011	M&O	\$ 72,690.00
4019	Rent	\$ 55,992.00
4020	Assoc Dues & Memb.	\$ 1,300.00
4021	Office Supplies	\$ 4,500.00
4021A	Center Supplies	\$ 35,000.00
4023	Postage	\$ 3,500.00
4027	Printing	\$ 4,000.00
4029	Travel	\$ 114,000.00
4031	Telephone & Comm.	\$ 3,000.00
4033	Utilities	\$ 19,150.00
4043	Education & Training	\$ 3,000.00
4045	Food / USDA	\$ 225,000.00
4046	Ins.	\$ 18,000.00
4047	Sub-Contr.	\$ 269,260.00
4049	Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00
4516	Short Term Grants-BIP	\$ 187,680.00
4700	Events	\$ 7,000.00
8000	Emp Benefits	\$ 458,985.00
	Total	\$ 2,530,203.00

We have been having some issues with the Rivertown Thrift Store. The Thrift Store Supervisor will be out for awhile due to an upcoming surgery. I will be going to the center tomorrow to handle the cash intake and the deposit. I will also be setting up a meeting with the Thrift Store volunteers, to "clear the air".

We have rec'd one quote for replacing the windows in the Athens Kitchen. Currently they have 2-16x32 windows. We are getting quotes to replace them with 32x32 windows.

We will be kicking off the Senior Angel Program on October 1, 2015. We will be offering Angel ornaments this year for a cost of \$3.00. We have reached out to the Nursing Homes in the area.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Assigning Council Members for Public Hearings:

Monday Sept. 21, 2015 1:00 pm Hensonville Town Building: Wally Thompson

Monday Sept. 21, 2015 7:15 pm Grange Hall, Town of Halcott: Linda Van Etten (tentative)

Thursday Sept. 24, 2015 1:00 pm Village of Tannersville Bldg: Larry Krajeski

Monday Oct. 5, 2015 1:00 pm Town of Coxsackie Senior Center: Lyn Brunner

Wednesday Oct. 7, 2015 1:00 pm Greenville American Legion Hall: Phyllis Beechert (tentative)

Wednesday Oct. 14, 2015 1:00 pm Acra Community Center: Florence Ohle & Dorothy True

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard Golden, Coxsackie Area Representative:

Was curious why the Food Pantry could no longer use the Building & Grounds parking lot. Was informed of the parking changes with the Aging & DSS Depts.

Linda VanEtten, DSS: ABSENT

Phyllis Beechert, Greenville Area Representative: ABSENT

Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs Director: ABSENT

Lynn Brunner, Athens Area Representative:

We will be having a dedication ceremony for Evelyn Stearns. Due to the donations that family and friends sent it, we were able to pay for the PA system. We will be dedicated the PA system on September 24, 2015 @ 10:30 am. Ms. Stearns family will be attending.

Larry Gardner, Legislature: Absent

Ernest Harris, Catskill Area Representative: NA

Kim Kaplan/Nancy Martin, Public Health: NA

Larry Krajeski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing: NA

Lillian Moore, RSVP: Absent

Florence Ohle, Director Community Action:

October is Domestic Awareness Month

“Walk a Mile” is Saturday October 24, 2015 in Catskill

Have not gotten any returned calls from the Salvation Army regarding the bell ringers. Mr. Golden stated that the Rotary will be doing it for Coxsackie again this year.

Wally Thompson Mountaintop Area Representative:

The WAJPL Golden Agers open house will be on Monday September 21, 2015 @ 12 noon

The Point Lookout has reopened for Dinner, food is very good, prices are slightly high.

The former East Durham Post Office is reopening as a gift shop.

There will be a book signing some time in the near future in Haines Falls. Will keep us posted.

Dorothy True Cairo Area Representative: NA

Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground: Absent

Meeting was adjourned. Motion made by Wally Thompson, seconded by Dorothy True.

Next meeting: Tuesday Oct 13, 2015 411 Main St. Catskill, NY 12414 Training Room at 2:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS