

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL for GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT of HUMAN
SERVICES
APRIL 15, 2014 MINUTES**

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Richard Golden, Linda VanEtten, Phyllis Beechert, Lynn Brunner, Ernest Harris, Kim Kaplan, Lillian Moore, Connie Bentley, & Terry McGee Ward

Excused: Larry Gardener, Larry Krajeski, Florence Ohle & Dede Thorpe

Absent: Michelle Black & Dawn Wallant

Guests: Sarah Coons (Common Ground)

MARCH MINUTES: On the motion of Ernie Harris, seconded by Linda VanEtten, the March minutes were accepted as recorded.

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:

Tezera Hoovler, Nutrition Report:

- Attending NYS Nutrition evaluation; Terry to report
- Several presentations upcoming at centers
 - Older Driver Safety (not AARP class):
 - Jewett Senior Nutrition Site Friday, May 2nd 11:30am
 - Rivertown Senior Center Monday, May 12th 11:30am
 - Town of Coxsackie Senior Center Tuesday, May 13th 11:30am
 - Washington Irving Senior Center Wednesday, May 14th 12:15pm
 - Acra Senior Nutrition Site Monday, May 19th 12:15pm
 - Catholic Charities "Taming the Tiger" Organizing paperwork
 - Jewett Senior Nutrition Site Thursday, June 5th 11:30am
 - Rivertown Senior Center Thursday, June 12th 11:30am
 - Town of Coxsackie Senior Center Thursday, June 19th 11:30am
 - Washington Irving Senior Center Friday, June 20th 12:15pm
 - Acra Senior Nutrition Site Monday, June 30th 12:15pm
 - Tai Chi (Rivertown): Tuesday April 22 & Tuesday June 17, 11:00am - 12:00pm
 - Ballroom Dancing (Rivertown): Friday May 9, 23, 30 & Thursday June 5, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
- Implementing changes in procedures at senior nutrition sites
 - Check list for site managers
 - Tami Bone: No longer to do ordering of food; Tezera will be doing as coordinator
- Currently under budget for nutrition
- Bid Procedure & Changing
 - Now will award for Best Value vs Best Cost
 - Vendor receiving 75% or higher of specs could receive entire bid award
 - Starting July 2014: Paper goods to be bid 1x a year (July & June); Food goods (Meat, canned & frozen) to be bid 2x year (July & Dec and Jan & June)
 - Food has to be grown in USA

- Farm to Table: Looking into but may be more costly than from supplier of goods
 - Tezera to do more research; Mary concerned that may not comply with NYS mandates regarding vitamins; May start slow & in small quantities
 - **QUESTION:** Will information be posted regarding diet specifications & produce? (E.G. Person on Coumadin not to eat foods with certain Vitamins). Feels there will be a need to post. Per Terry, Mary Richardson, the registered dietician, will handle.
- Approached to join Meals on Wheels Association ó Too costly with no benefits that we don't already have
- Senior Day at Point: Thursday May 15, 1 - 3
- Webinar coming up on Emergency Preparedness for Caregivers at Catskill & Athens
- **QUESTION:** Who handles Blizzard Packs? Who supplies? Do seniors know to save for emergency? Terry stated we make available to seniors & try to be ahead of things based on weather. Whether or not seniors save, we can't be sure unless they repeatedly ask to replace.

Connie Bentley, Aging Services:

- Very busy as numerous reports & evaluations due
- **DISCUSSION:** If client on öbreathing machineö can electric be shut offö? How can we best help clients in this situation? All facing electric bills increasing while finances decreasing. What resources are available outside of county? All scenarios need to be carefully investigated for facts.
- **QUESTION:** Linda VanEtten asked about EISEP services with regards to Medicaid spend-down & wait list. Connie stated it always done on a case by case situation; the wait list is based on need not a numeric system. Connie & Linda to meet together regarding above and a specific case.
- Legal service highly in demand
- Senior Awards ó NYS recognition on May 6; county recognition on May 21
- Medicare Minute: Participating in telephone conference; Short scripts to be done for I & A at centers; any radio stations we could present on?

Terry McGee, Executive Director:

- Per instructions from county attorney, Carol Stevens ó Per diem staff cannot handle money

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cairo Advisory Board rep & Marie Ostoyich (no longer PH director) vacancy: Not discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Letter of resignation received from member Dede Thorpe.
 - Thank you note for her service will be sent.
 - Another vacancy on council to fill
 - Terry will contact county legislators for Cairo & Mountaintop to see if they have recommendations from their constituents; Will Laura Churchill (interim PH director take Marie's spot)?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lynn Brunner – May 2nd at Rivertown: öHoe Downö

Kim Kaplan, Public Health: Busy with reports; Establishing public information programs on Lyme, etc; rabies clinic dates distributed; Take Back Day for prescriptions; looking into year-round sites for prescription collection

Linda VanEtten: DSS under going changes

Sara Coons, Common Ground: Elder Mediation going strong

Meeting was adjourned for Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Murphy
GCDHS Administrative Assistant

**Greene County Public Health announces the 2014 RABIES CLINIC for
Greene County cats, dogs and ferrets at the following locations:**

March 26, 2014	6 pm to 8 pm	Medway-Grapeville Firehouse, RT 51, New Baltimore
April 30, 2014	6 pm to 8 pm	Lexington Firehouse, RT 42, Lexington
May 28, 2014	6 pm to 8 pm	Leeds Firehouse, Old RT 23B, Leeds
June 25, 2014	6 pm to 8 pm	Earlton Firehouse, RT 81, Earlton
August 27, 2014	6 pm to 8 pm	Cairo Firehouse, Railroad Avenue, Cairo
September 10, 2014	6 pm to 8 pm	Freehold Firehouse, RT 32, Freehold
October 22, 2014	6 pm to 8 pm	Hunter Firehouse, Bridge Street, Hunter

DONATIONS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED. This vaccination is available for all Greene County residents' cats, dogs and ferrets. **Please call ahead for ferrets.** If you are feeding a cat or dog, please be sure it gets immunized against rabies.

****Please bring record of pet's PREVIOUS vaccination to receive a 3-year certificate****
****If no record is shown, pet will be given a ONE-YEAR VACCINATION****

For the New Baltimore, Leeds, Earlton, Cairo and Freehold clinics, the Veterinarian service is provided by New Baltimore Animal Hospital, located in West Coxsackie, NY.

For the Lexington and Hunter clinic, the Veterinarian service is provided by Dr. Leslie Nicosia.



Please call **518-719-3600** if you have any questions regarding rabies.

