

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
for GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT of HUMAN SERVICES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 MINUTES**

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: 10 of 15 members: Richard Golden, Linda VanEtten, Phyllis Beechert, Lynn Brunner, Ernest Harris, Larry Krajeski, Lillian Moore, Florence Ohle, Connie Bentley & Tezera Pulice

Excused: Dawn Wallant & Terry McGee Ward

Absent: Michelle Black, Larry Gardner & Kim Kaplan

GUESTS: Ken Brooks from Greene County Department of Human Services was recognized.

- He reported that the proposed budget for the department for 2015 has been sent to the county officials. It will be a tight fiscal year with potential cuts. There was a brief discussion of what if need to close centers. Ken stated that the county only owns Rivertown (Athens) while all others are rented as nutrition site only with annual contracts. Recreational activities at the Catskill & Coxsackie center are done by the respective towns. All members acknowledged that the county's senior population is growing and agree on the need for recreational activities for younger seniors.
- Due to the budget, Ken presented a table with suggestions for increases in suggested donation levels (see attached). On the motion of Florence Ohle, seconded by Lynn Brunner, membership unanimously approved raising Congregate & Home Delivered Meals to \$4.00 (up \$1 from \$3.00). On motion of Larry Krajeski, seconded by Lillian Moore, membership unanimously approved raising the sliding scale for homebound transportation to \$3.00 - \$15.00 (up from \$2.00 - \$10.00). No motions to change any other rates. (See attached for full table)
- Transportation: The Hamlet bus route has been revised (see attached). There is hope of an out-of-county run on Fridays but this must be approved by the Legislature prior to circulating any information. The new route is not to be confused with the county transit bus which is sponsored by the county Planning Department. DHS has been meeting with Warren Hart regarding potential changes in county wide transportation.
- October 1 will be Senior Angel kickoff

AUGUST MINUTES: On the motion of Lillian Moore, seconded by Linda VanEtten, the August minutes were accepted as recorded.

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:

Tezera Pulice, Nutrition Report:

- September is Fall Prevention Month & Presentations of Fall Prevention at Athens, Acra & Coxsackie by Rodd Koch, PT; Night lights available at all centers, as well as pamphlets on subject
- Congressman Chris Gibson will be visiting Rivertown Senior Center on Friday September 26
- Surveys from centers have been tabulated; results attached (see attached)
- Will be out of office next week

Connie Bentley, Aging Services:

- HEAP & Early apps coming in; Program opens November 17; Income eligibility guidelines attached (see attached)

- ◆ Ernie Harris brought up a question regarding HEAP & pre-payment; Connie offered to research the answer & report back to him
- Open Enrollment period for Medicare: October 15 to December 7; will be busy for HIICAP
- Alzheimer's Walk on Saturday October 4; information available at reception desk
- Monitoring & evaluations w/Homecare agencies ongoing; tracking homebound denials
- Case management surveys not yet compiled
- Need for homecare decreasing as less needing services; Department continues to work hard to be sure MtnTop is covered

Terry McGee Ward, Executive Director: See Ken's report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Vacancies on Board
 - ◆ Still need reps from Cairo & MtnTop
 - ◆ No Public Health rep for Marie Ostoyich's vacancy
- Appointment resolution
 - ◆ Have yet to receive a response from Legislature's office; will pass along when have answer; will submit 2015 recommendations for Legislature's December meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- Public Hearings scheduled: Need an Advisory Council member to accompany Terry to each
 - ◆ Tues Oct 7, 6pm, Durham: Larry Krajeski
 - ◆ Wed Oct 8, 2pm, New Baltimore: Dick Golden
 - ◆ Thurs Oct 16, 1pm, Halcott: Linda VanEtten
 - ◆ Fri Oct 24, 2pm, Hunter: Florence Ohle
 - ◆ Mon Oct 27, 1:30pm, Washington Irving Center, Catskill: Ernie Harris

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard Golden:

- ◆ YMCA ribbon cutting on October 25

Linda VanEtten, **DSS**: Nothing

Phyllis Beechert: Nothing

Michelle Black, **Veterans Affairs**: Absent, no report

Lynn Brunner:

- ◆ Autumn Brunch at Rivertown on 9/26, 11:30am

Larry Gardner, **Legislature**

Ernest Harris: Nothing

Kim Kaplan, **Public Health**: Excused, no report

Larry Krajeski:

- ◆ Senior Housing at 100% occupancy w/year waiting list, longer for disabled

Lillian Moore, **RSVP:**

- Annual recognition 6 October 9th
- Fuel raffle again in December

Florence Ohle, **Community Action:**

- ◆ Food pantry/perishable slowing down, less coming in from Wal-Mart
- ◆ Coat & blanket drive for kids upcoming
- ◆ October is Domestic Violence Month
- ◆ STEP funding for homeless
- ◆ Fuel prices go up = more client demand
- ◆ Weatherization busy
- ◆ Thrift Shop doing very well since revamping program

Dawn Wallant, **Common Ground:** Excused, no report

Meeting was adjourned on motion by Phyllis Beechert, second by Florence Ohle.

Next meeting: Tues October 14, 2014 at 2pm. Note: November meeting date falls on Veterans Day, November 11, county closed. Meeting will be rescheduled for following week, November 18.

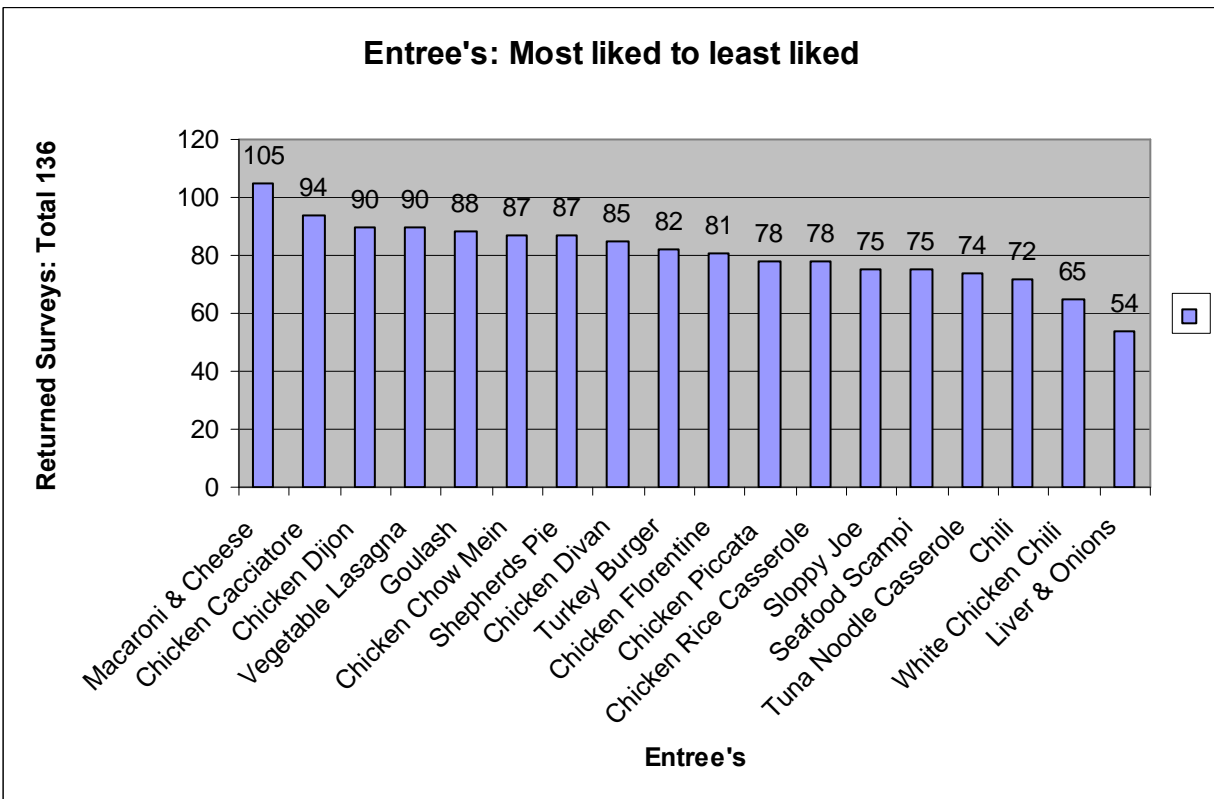
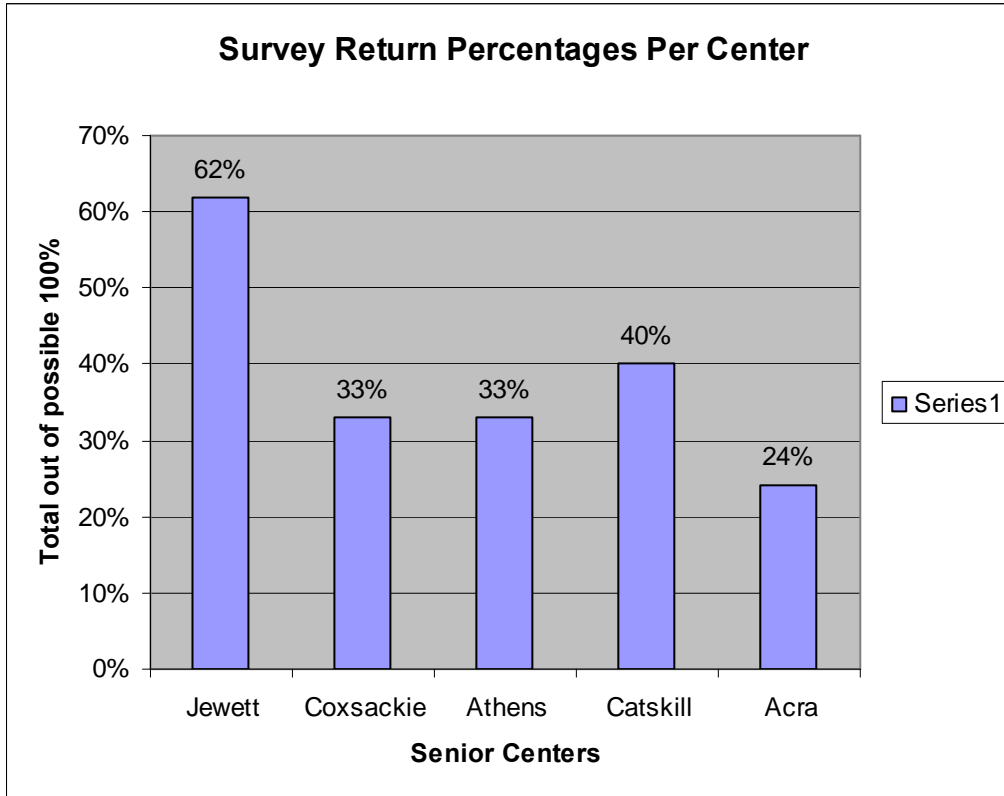
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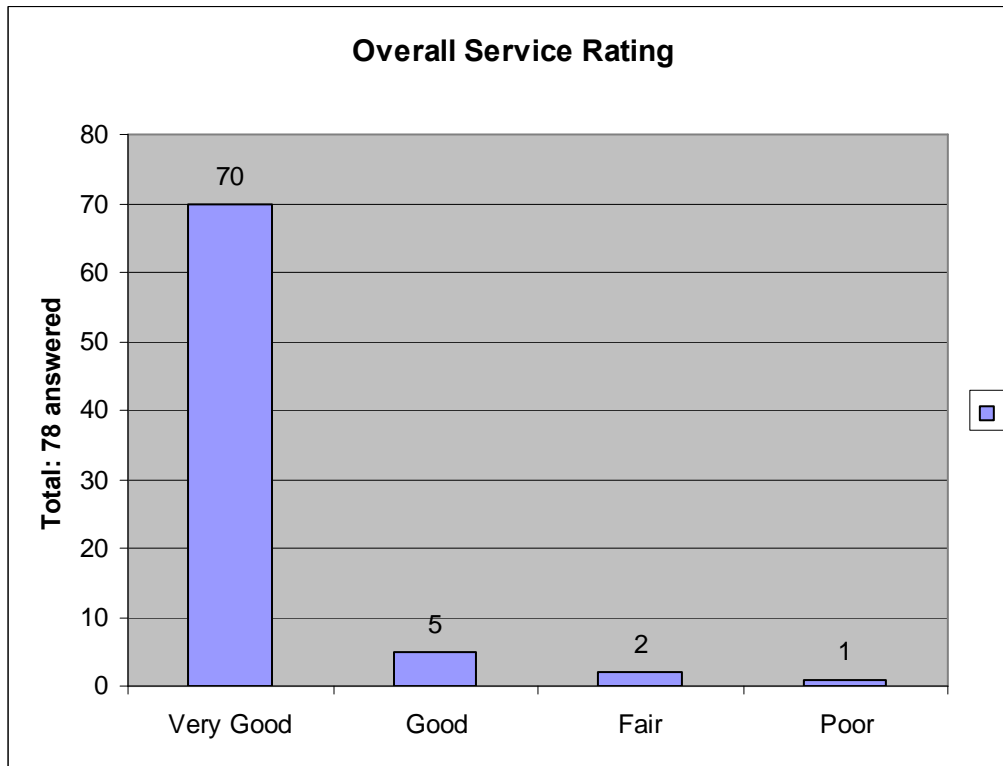
Maureen Murphy, GCDHS Administrative Assistant

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9/9/2014			
<i>Suggested Donation Levels</i>			<i>Proposed Increase</i>
	<u>Suggested Level</u>	<u>Service Cost</u>	<u>Suggested Level</u>
Congregate Meals	\$3.00 per meal	\$10.01 per meal	\$ 4.00
Home Delivered Meals	\$3.00 per meal	\$10.01 per meal	\$ 4.00
Nutrition Counseling	\$5.00 per hour	\$33.15 per hour	no change
Consultation & Assistance	\$5.00 per visit	\$18.00 per visit	no change
Legal Services	\$10.00 per hour	\$149.00 per hour	no change
In-Home	\$3.00 per hour	\$20.05 per hour – L1	no change
		\$20.17 per hour- L2	
Transportation			
Transit Bus	\$2.00 round trip	\$2.31 one-way trip	no change
Hamlet Bus	\$3.00 round trip	\$15.08 one-way trip	no change
Center Vans	\$1.00 round trip	\$7.34 one-way trip	no change
Homebound Trans.	Sliding Scale**	\$22.16 one-way trip	
** Sliding Scale:			
0-10 miles	\$2.00 round trip		\$ 3.00
11-20 miles	\$4.00 round trip		\$ 5.00
21-40 miles	\$7.00 round trip		\$ 9.00
41+ miles	\$10.00 round trip		\$ 15.00
Updated 6/11/14 tmw			

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Question: Are there any items you would like served more frequently? If yes, please list items:

Top 7 most requested entrées:

- Turkey (15)
- Fresh Salad (14)
- Meatloaf (11)
- Corned Beef & Cabbage (10)
- Liver & Onions (9)
- Pork Shops (9)
- Roast Pork (7)

Other requested entrées:

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| Ham | Mac and Cheese | Chicken and Biscuits |
| Cheese Lasagna | Veggie Lasagna | Fish: Sole |
| Seafood Scampi | Stuffed Cabbage | Chicken Quarters |
| Turkey Burger | Roast Beef | Fresh Fruit |
| Hamburgers | Chicken Chow Mein | Hawaiian Chicken |

Also:

Small cartons of milk requests

NO tilapia

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2014-15 HEAP Monthly Income Eligibility Guidelines			
Household Size	Tier I	Tier II	Change in Income Guidelines
1	0 – 1,264	1,265-2,194	\$19
2	0 – 1,704	1,705-2,869	\$25
3	0 – 2,144	2,145-3,544	\$31
4	0 – 2,584	2,585-4,219	\$37
5	0 - 3,024	3,025-4,894	\$42
6	0 - 3,463	3,464-5,569	\$48
7	0 - 3,903	3,904-5,696	\$50
8	0 - 4,343	4,344-5,822	\$50
9	0 - 4,783	4,784-5,949	\$52
10	0 - 5,223	5,224-6,076	\$53
11	0 - 5,663	5,664-6,534	\$73
11+	\$440	\$508	\$5

\$25 add-ins broken down by vulnerable households
(see 2014-2015 HEAP Desk Guide)