

**ADVISORY COUNCIL to the
GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT for the AGING**

MAY 12, 2015 MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: 8 of 15 members: Richard Golden, Linda VanEtten, Florence Ohle, Phyllis Beechert, Lynn Brunner, Ernie Harris, Larry Krajeski and Walter Thompson.

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

Excused: Michelle Black & Lillian Moore

Absent: Larry Gardner, Kim Kaplan and Dawn Wallant

Guests: Nancy Martin (Public Health) and Dorothy True

Chairman Golden extended a welcome to Dorothy True. Terry McGee Ward has submitted a letter of recommendation to the Greene County Legislature to have Dorothy named to this council.

APRIL MINUTES:

➤ Following amendments are to be noted:

Hamlet bus will be running to Colonie Center on Thursdays over the summer (not Friday)

DSS Managed Care is handling all home care services

Motion to accept minutes with above changes by Wally Thompson, seconded by Linda VanEtten, membership approved. Approved

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:

Ruth Pforte, RSVP:

- Volunteer training for home delivered meals to be held on May 13
- Handbooks being created which will standardize protocol; to be distributed at training
- Attended conference in CT.
- Crafter's Tea on May 21

Tezera Pulice, Nutrition Report:

- Renee Raffiani, Coxsackie Meal Site manager, out due to injury; Shane Dillon covering
- Food all set for Senior Day
- All staff passed Serve Safe class; certified for next 5 years
- No programs currently scheduled
- Jewett hosting brunch on June 18

Connie Bentley, Aging Services:

- Attended NYS Senior Day in Albany with Mr. Goodrich's son & Mr. Pirrone; good crowd & very nice affair
- HIICAP & Legal surveys coming in; so far all is favorable
- SAVVY Caregiver training – "Train the Trainer" – Conducted by Alzheimer's Association; Connie, Andrea, Gwen & Connie completed & ready to reach out to community
- Interagency Awareness Day at CGCC on May 19; we will have booth; day allows agencies to learn more about building partners

Ken Brooks, Finance:

- AIP almost approved
- Working on four year plan (4/16 – 3/20)
- Meeting with clubs; presenting a needs assessment
- New bus due to arrive in August; PA system to be installed from donation in memory of Evelyn Stearns
- Working on insert for newspaper to recruit volunteers & advise public of services; approximate cost \$1600

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

- **Q: Dick Golden:** Has county ever thought about solar panels for buildings?
A: Terry McGee Ward: County is researching idea; in an exploratory stage at present; if installed at Rivertown would be a safety concern as youth have been known to climb fencing & go on building's roof
- **Q: Nancy Martin:** How will the Needs Assessment be circulated to the homebound?
A: Terry McGee Ward: Will be included with home delivered meals

OLD BUSINESS:

- Vacancies
 - Per by-laws, minimum of 15 members; 1 vacancy remaining
 - Awaiting Legislature resolution naming Dorothy True

NEW BUSINESS

- Per NYS, department needs a sign-language interpreter; if any member knows one, please contact Terry
- June meeting – Department staff unavailable as at conference; On motion by Lynn Brunner, second by Walter Thompson, membership approved moving meeting date to following week – June 16
- July meeting – Usually is picnic with RSVP Council; Terry to speak to Ruth to coordinate for July 14

Staff asked to leave & meeting went into Executive Session. No adjournment called.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None recorded due to Executive Session.

Next meeting: Tues June 16 at 2pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Maureen Murphy, GCDHS Administrative Assistant