

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
for GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT of HUMAN SERVICES
NOVEMBER 19, 2014 MINUTES**

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: 13 of 16 members:

Richard Golden, Linda VanEtten, Phyllis Beechert, Lynn Brunner, Ernest Harris, Larry Krajeski, Lillian Moore, Florence Ohle, Walter Thompson, Dawn Wallant, Terry McGee Ward, Connie Bentley & Tezera Pulice

Absent: Michelle Black, Larry Gardner, Kim Kaplan

Guests: Nancy Martin (GCPH) for Kim Kaplan

Chairman Golden began the meeting by welcoming new member, Walter Thompson. Wally then gave his brief biography.

OCTOBER MINUTES: On the motion of Linda VanEtten, seconded by Lynn Brunner, membership approved the October minutes as recorded.

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:

NUTRITION: Tezera Pulice

- * Hamlet Bus (Janet) - Beginning Friday bus run to Colonie Center on 12/12; as no grant money will cost seniors \$10; must have 8 riders for trip; reservations required (see Attachment A)
- * Programs: Working on 2015 schedule with Danielle
- * Jewett center: In need of volunteers in kitchen; Wally offered to help as needed

AGING SERVICES: Connie Bentley

- * Busy time of year as HEAP opened on Nov. 17 and Open Enrollment Period for insurance still going on till December
- * Wait list for Home Care down due to various reasons; working on addressing all clients
- * Prepping for NYS evaluation in December

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Terry McGee Ward

- * 2015 AIP (Annual Implementation Plan) in process; deals with our services & how to utilize money
- * NYS evaluation of December 10 & 11 will be very thorough
- * Public Hearings:
 - Durham of Held in evening, 9 attended of Interested in opening small community center that could be used as distribution point for meals; Department open for possibility of new meal run
 - Halcott & Hunter of No one attended; Will be meeting with Town of Halcott on 11/24
 - New Baltimore of 2 attended
 - Catskill of 15 attended of Main concern was transportation by vans to center
- * Volunteers: Working with Ruth Pforte (Volunteer coordinator) on ways to recruit new volunteers (e.g. church bulletins, attending meetings, etc.)

- * Presentation: Bob Novak, ECHO cottages will be speaking at the December 15 staff meeting here (9:15am) Topic: Independent living for parents on children's property. Advisory council invited to attend

FINANCIAL: Ken Brooks

- Budget OK till year's end
- Looking into new bus for 2015
- Suggested donation rates changing effective 1/1/15 (see Attachment B)
- Senior Angel's Bake sale very successful; \$6008 in donations to date; Financial gift (check/gift card) to independent seniors & physical gift to nursing home residents; If wish to nominate someone to Senior Angels do so by November 28

OLD BUSINESS:

- * Vacancies on Board
 - Still need rep from Cairo

NEW BUSINESS:

- * No December meeting; will be luncheon with RSVP (Attachment C) & Meetings resume in January 2015
- * Senior Awards
 - NYSOFA has moved deadline up to February so council needs to begin sooner
 - Committee will remain as is (Connie Bentley, Linda VanEtten, Lynn Brunner, Lillian Moore & Florence Ohle)
 - NYS notice & our policy/timeline, application, etc. to be given to each committee member
 - As in past, department will do PR
 - Be sure to stress on application that it must be fully completed; incomplete applications will be ineligible & rejected

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard Golden:

- YMCA now open; 1500 have joined

Linda VanEtten, **DSS**:

- Department in transition for managed care

Phyllis Beechert: No report

Michelle Black, **Veterans Affairs**: No report

Lynn Brunner: No report

Larry Gardner, **Legislature**: No report

Ernest Harris: No report

Kim Kaplan, **Public Health**: Nancy Martin reported the following in Kim's absence

- Ebola workshops for state readiness training ongoing
- Flu clinics ongoing
- Strategic planning ongoing

Larry Krajeski, **Catskill Mountain Housing:**

- Re-funded for trailer repair & maintenance

Lillian Moore, **RSVP:**

- Fuel raffle drawer will be on December 12

Florence Ohle, **Community Action:**

- Busy with Here Comes Christmas program
- Sponsoring Holiday Happenings on 11/29 for Emerg. Funds (see Attachment D)
- Lottery tree raffle (see Attachment E)
- STEP program re-funded (Assistance for Homeless Families)

Wally Thompson:

- Windham Senior Club very involved; having Christmas party with good response

Dawn Wallant, **Common Ground:**

- Attended seminar on legal services for elderly and working on access of grandparents to grandchildren in disputes

ADJOURNMENT:

REMINDER: No December meeting; next meeting: January 13, 2015 2pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Murphy, GCDHS Administrative Assistant



Day Trip to Colonie Center (WEATHER PERMITTING !!!!!!!)

Greene County Dept. of Human Services (Aging)
announces the start of a Colonie Center shopping trip.

This trip is for Senior Citizens (60 years and older) only

PRICE PER PERSON: \$10.00
Payment due at time of departure/boarding. No exceptions.

Bus holds 16 people. First Come, First Served
Reservations must be made the week of the trip
no later than 3pm on the Wednesday prior to the Friday trip.
No EARLY BIRDS, please.

Each person is required
to make their OWN reservation.

Leave your name, phone number and the date of the trip you want to go on.
MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF EIGHT (8) RESERVATIONS FOR TRIP

******* LIMIT: Two shopping bags per person *******

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2015

January 9, 2015	Hunter/Catskill	Reservations Jan. 5 – Jan. 7
January 23, 2015	Coxsackie/Athens	Reservations Jan. 19 – Jan. 21
February 20, 2015	Cairo/Greenville	Reservations by Feb. 16 - 18

Look for future months' schedule in the Roundtable News!

To make your reservation
or for further information,
call Janet at 719-3559.

Attachment B

Suggested Donation Levels Effective January 1, 2015

	<u>Suggested Level</u>	<u>Service Cost</u>
Congregate Meals	\$4.00 per meal	\$10.01 per meal
Home Delivered Meals	\$4.00 per meal	\$10.01 per meal
Nutrition Counseling	\$5.00 per hour	\$33.15 per hour
Consultation & Assistance	\$5.00 per visit	\$18.00 per visit
Legal Services	\$10.00 per hour	\$149.00/hour
In-Home	\$3.00 per hour	\$20.05 per hour – L1 \$20.17 per hour- L2
Transportation		
Transit Bus	\$2.00 round trip	\$2.31 one-way trip
Hamlet Bus	\$3.00 round trip	\$15.08 one-way trip
Center Vans	\$1.00 round trip	\$7.34 one-way trip
Homebound Trans.	Sliding Scale**	\$22.16 one-way trip
	0 - 10 miles	\$3.00 round trip
	11 - 20 miles	\$5.00 round trip
	21 - 40 miles	\$9.00 round trip
	41+ miles	\$15.00 round trip

Updated 11/10/14

Attachment C



**Greene County Department of Human
Services**

Advisory Council Holiday Party

on

December 9th

at

12:00 PM

at

Angela's Pizzeria & Brewery

4545 Rte 32

Catskill, NY 12449

Please RSVP to Ruth by December 5th
at 518-719-3555 or rpforte@discovergreene.com

Attachment D

The Red Rooster
Roadhouse
Cairo NY

3pm until 7pm



**3RD ANNUAL
HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS EVENT!
Saturday, November 29th**

Hand crafted
soaps, candles,
jewelry, candies
and confections,
kissing balls and
wreaths, PLUS

Origami Owl
Thirty One
Heather Ridge
Farm
Tastefully Simple

And MORE!

Bring a Friend!

For more info call:

943-9205
929-8073
622-2625

Support local business owners on Small
Business Saturday!
Purchase your holiday gifts from local crafters
and entrepreneurs!
Proceeds to benefit the Emergency Services of
**Community Action of
Greene County, Inc.**

FREE WILL OFFERING AT THE DOOR
DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLES

Attachment E

**Have A Happy New Year
By Spreading Holiday Cheer**



**You Could Have
A
Chance of
Winning Millions \$\$**

3 Tickets for \$10

1 Ticket for \$5



**DRAWING
Wednesday, DECEMBER 31, 2014
AT 3 PM**

Your donation to benefit

**our
Food Pantry**

If you would like to purchase tickets
call our office at
518-943-9205
OR
Visit us at our office located at
7856 Route 9W
Catskill, NY

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