

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
For GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT of HUMAN SERVICES
JULY 14, 2015 MINUTES
ANNUAL ADVISORY COUNCIL PICNIC

Call to order at 12:00 p.m. by Richard Golden followed by Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Present: Richard Golden, Linda VanEtten, Florence Ohle, Phyllis Beechert, Lynn Brunner, Ernie Harris, Nancy Martin for Kim Kaplan, Dawn Wallant, Dorothy True

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

Excused: Michele Black, Wally Thompson

Absent: Larry Gardner, Larry Krajeski, Lillian Moore

Guests: Kimberly Herwick Intern, RSVP Council: Anna Sutherland, Terri Brett, Rosemary Graham, and Rev. Capen

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Mr. Golden welcomed everyone to the Picnic and thanked Ruth Pforte for the great job she did on organizing the picnic.

JUNE MINUTES & BY-LAW CHANGE: Motion made by Dawn Wallant, seconded by Lynn Brunner, to accept June minutes and By-law change as recorded.

****NOTE**:** Dorothy True noted that this may require a second motion and acceptance at the August 11, 2015 meeting. Terry will look into and let the Council know.

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:

Ruth Pforte, RSVP: none

Tezera Pulice, NUTRITION: none

Connie Bentley, Aging Services: none

Ken Brooks, Finance: Wanted to let everyone know that the NEW Hamlet Bus is completed and will be here by the first week in August 2015.

Terry McGee, Executive Director: Rosie the Riveter celebration. 70 years since the end of WW II. The celebration will take place on Saturday 8/29/15 from 4pm – 8pm. It will be a USO themed party. There will be food vendors available to purchase food, a band and vendors. The celebration was an idea from Ed Bloomer whose mother was a “Rosie”. Dept of Human Services is teaming up with the Veteran’s Services Administration.

If anyone is interested in volunteering they should let Tami Bone, Athens Meal site Mgr know: 518-945-2700

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Background Checks: Terry McGee Ward wanted to let the Advisory Board know that a change was made to our Background Check procedures. Effective 7/1/15, any retired employees of Greene County WILL NOT have to go through a background check. Also, the Advisory Council, Ruth Pforte, Ken Brooks & Terry McGee Ward are grandfathered in. If Ruth, Ken or Terry should leave, an FBI background check will be mandated for their replacements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard Golden: The food pantries are being relocated. One pantry has been relocated to Rt 385 and Cossackie's will need to be moved in the near future.

Linda VanEtten, DSS: Nothing

Phyllis Beechert: There will be a Town wide Yard Sale this weekend.

Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs: Absent

Lynn Brunner: Nothing

Larry Gardner, Legislature: Absent

Ernest Harris: Nothing

Kim Kaplan, Public Health Absent

Larry Krajeski: Absent

Lillian Moore, RSVP: Absent

Florence Ohle, Community Action: Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival is this weekend (7/18/15 & 7/19/15) in Oak Hill. Admission: Donation to the Community Action Food Pantry.

Wally Thompson: Absent

Dorothy True: Nothing

Dawn Wallant, Common Ground: Nothing

Meeting was adjourned BY Richard Golden.

Next meeting: Tuesday August 11, 2015 411 Main St. Catskill, NY 12414 Training Room at 2:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS