

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
For GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT of HUMAN SERVICES
APRIL 12, 2016 MINUTES
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order at 2:00 p.m. by Richard Golden followed by Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Present: Richard Golden, Linda Van Etten, Michelle Black, Ernest Harris, Nancy Martin, Lillian Moore, Dorothy True, Dawn Wallant

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

Excused: Florence Ohle, Phyllis Beechert, Lynn Brunner, Walter Thompson

Absent: Larry Gardner, Larry Krajeski

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: N/A

MARCH MINUTES: Motion made by Dawn Wallant, seconded by Nancy Martin, to accept March 2016 minutes with no changes.

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:

Terry McGee, Executive Director:

- Submitted Annual Report
- Discussed Challenges & Goals
- Challenges: Conversion of system from Harmony to Peer Place, Lack of Aides to service clients, Lack of Volunteers, Getting correct Data, and BIP implementation.
- Also handed out an Aging Services Report. Please review and present any questions at the next meeting.

Ruth Pforte, RSVP:

- Community Resource Day on 3/24/16 was very successful.
- Ron Gabrielle will be presenting various talks at the centers
- County Officials Day 4/5/16, a couple of Officials did not attend; overall was satisfactory.
- 9 new volunteers
- Met with Thrift Shop staff to do recognition and hand out gift cards

Tezera Pulice, Nutrition Coordinator:

- Athens Dinner Dance on 4/1/16 had 37 attend, went very well.
- Renee Raffiani will be teaching Tai Chi classes in Coxsackie starting 6/13/16 Mon & Wed 9:00 – 10:30 for 10 weeks
- Cooperative Extension is setting up dates to be at the centers
- Surveys have come back regarding the food quality at Jewett. There is a 90% positive feedback.
- Working on converting Styrofoam products to alternative. The cost will be much more.

Connie Bentley, Aging Services Coordinator:

- April is a very busy month.
- Went to CRM-Bethany Village for a meeting regarding the Annual Evaluation for HUD..
- There are several workshops that are being attended by staff members.
- Working with hospitals on revamping “Charity Cares”. This will help patients to pay their bills that are financially unable to.

Ken Brooks, Business Manager:

- Quarterly report showing expenses to date, contributions to date were handed out. Several questions were asked. Please review sheet and email Ken with any questions to be reviewed at the May meeting.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Greene County Transit system is set to start 5/2/16. Bus schedules and maps were handed out to the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard Golden, Coxsackie Area Representative:

- FYI the Meals on Wheels cost in Florida is \$10.72 per meal.
- YMCA has raised \$60,000 to go towards memberships for families that cannot financially afford to pay themselves.
- YMCA is also offering family camping trips for terminally ill children.
- YMCA is also start Pedaling for Parkinson’s

Linda VanEtten, DSS: NA

Phyllis Beechert, Greenville Area Representative: Excused

Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs Director:

- VA clinic moves to the 3rd floor, and is open for business.
- A request for a wheelchair accessible van has been placed. Bids are coming in and being reviewed.
- Blue Star Mothers are doing two events: Spring Spruce UP & Veteran’s trips to the Barber.

Lynn Brunner, Athens Area Representative: Excused

Larry Gardner, Legislature: Absent

Ernest Harris, Catskill Area Representative: NA

Kim Kaplan/Nancy Martin, Public Health:

- 2016 Rabies Clinics are still available in various areas of Greene County, info was posted in RTN
- Zika Virus is still a huge concern, now a threat in 29 states. Pregnant women need to be very careful

- Medical Professional Advisory Committee is in need of a volunteer to become a member. The volunteer must be a consumer.
- National Woman's Disparity Day is 4/13/16. Regarding Equal Pay.
- OSHA right to know presentation is 4/29/16 from 2 pm to 4 pm

Larry Krajeski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing: Absent

Lillian Moore, RSVP:

- Installation of Officers was held on March 21, 2016 at the Pegasus Restaurant.
- Recognition Committee meeting is Thursday 4/14/16.

Florence Ohle, Director Community Action: Excused

Wally Thompson Mountaintop Area Representative: Excused

Dorothy True Cairo Area Representative: NA

Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground:

- The Grant for NYSPFA and Life span was awarded, Common Ground was only 1 of 10 that received the grant. It is to bring awareness of Elder abuse. Several questions were asked of the Board regarding a conference in the fall.
- Dyson Grant was approved. A new Full-time staff member was hired.
- Common Ground is becoming more and more involved with Scams and Senior. Anyone hearing of any issues can steer the senior to them.

Meeting was adjourned by Linda Van Etten and seconded by Michelle Black.

Next meeting: Tuesday May. 10, 2016 Aging Training Room 411 Main St. Catskill NY 12414.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS