

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
For GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT of HUMAN SERVICES
MAY 10, 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, Florence Ohle, Phyllis Beechert, Lyn Brunner, Nancy Martin, Lillian Moore, Walter Thompson, Dawn Wallant

Staff: Ken Brooks, Ruth Pforte, Tezera Pulice, Connie Bentley

Excused: Linda VanEtten, Michelle Black, Larry Krajewski, Dorothy True, Terry McGee Ward

Absent: Larry Gardner, Ernest Harris

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: N/A

APRIL MINUTES: Motion made by Walter Thompson, seconded by Lillian Moore, to accept April 2016 minutes with no changes.

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:

Terry McGee, Executive Director- READ BY KEN BROOKS:

- Senior Day is Friday May 20, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The theme will be a “Hoedown”.
- Ken Brooks, Tezera Pulice and myself met with the committee regarding the building of the new jail. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss whether it would be feasible for the jail to take over the preparation of the meals. After much discussion on what the Dept. of Aging does (the Committee members were in awe over the amount of work that is actually produced by our Dept.) the committee has decided that it would not be feasible for the jail to take over the food prep. They did however decide to build extra warehouse/storage space for our department, so Tezera to take advantage of bulk discount purchases.

Ruth Pforte, RSVP:

- RSVP will hold a Fuel Raffle again this year. Tickets are available at centers, office or RSVP Council Members.
- Homebound Medical Transportation Policy and Procedures Manual has been completed. Rose is providing, one on one training with her volunteers.
- Progress reports for CNCS RSVP grant and the NYSOFA RSVP have been completed.
- 11 new volunteers
- NYSOFA RSVP grant for 2016-2017 has been completed.
- Crafter’s Tea will be May 17, 2016. Catskill Crafters will be hosting this year’s event. 3 of the crafter groups have taken the pattern for the heart pillow requested by the YMCA for cardiac patients.
- The American Cancer Society requested “Hats for Hope” for their upcoming Glamour Day, 30 hats have been assembled.
- A Proclamation was presented to the RSVP Council at the April Legislature meeting. The Proclamation is hanging in our main lobby.

Tezera Pulice, Nutrition Coordinator:

- American Red Cross will be at all the centers in June 2016

- Cooperative Extension is currently going to our centers to discuss “staying cool” this summer.
- Danielle and I will be sitting in on a webinar for the Farmers Market Coupon program.

Connie Bentley, Aging Services Coordinator:

- EXCITING NEWS- Unlimited Care has committed to serve 5 clients on the Mountaintop. This eliminates a lot of people on our waiting list.
- Went to Tannersville Senior Club meeting. Was well received with a lot of questions. 24 people in attendance
- Working on annual Evaluations.

Ken Brooks, Business Manager:

- Have completed the State Grant yearend/quarterly vouchers.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The Greene County Transportation system will GO LIVE on 6/1/16. The 30-day delay was due to the state contract not being signed in time to give our current Transportation Company a 30-day notice.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard Golden, Coxsackie Area Representative:

- Looking for volunteers to assist with unloading the National Food Bank truck in Coxsackie. The Hudson prison used to send prisoners to help, but that has stopped. Florence recommended the Ulster Greene ARC. They are always looking for volunteer sources for their clients.
- In possession of 2 chest freezers and 1 glass door cooler if anyone is interested.

Linda VanEtten, DSS: EXCUSED

Phyllis Beechert, Greenville Area Representative:

- Inquired if we knew of a place that would take wheelchairs, walkers and commodes that have been donated. Nancy recommended that the commode pots not be distributed just the framework.
Hearthstone Care was given as a source for items to be donated.

Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs Director: EXCUSED

Lynn Brunner, Athens Area Representative:

- The pre-Mother’s Day Brunch at Athens on May 6, 2016 was a huge success.
- The Athens picnic is scheduled for June 17, 2016.
- The window replacement in the kitchen at Athens should be completed by the next meeting.

Larry Gardner, Legislature: Absent

Ernest Harris, Catskill Area Representative: Absent

Nancy Martin, Public Health:

- Zika Virus is still a huge concern.
- Discussed the Syringe Disposal Kiosk Program. A schedule is attached to the minutes for review.

- **RETIRING:** I am retiring on May 27, 2016. It has been a pleasure serving on the Advisory Committee. A recommended replacement is being considered. Terry needs to call Kim Kaplan to discuss.

Larry Krajeski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing: EXCUSED

Lillian Moore, RSVP: NA

Florence Ohle, Director Community Action:

- Tax Season is completed. We did 200 returns in the office and with assistance helped 148 people to do their taxes on their own.
- Community Action is partnering with the Prattsville Art Center on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Anyone that may be interested in joining Community Action please contact me. The Art Center has become more of a community center for the people of Prattsville.
- May is National Community Action Month. There will be a Flea Market on Saturday 5/14/16 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Community Action Thrift Shop (aka Pay It Forward).
- Community Action is partnering with Family of Woodstock and the Office of Family and Children Services to work on a 2 year grant that would commence on October 16, 2016. The grant is only in the preparation stages, will keep everyone informed as it comes to be.

Wally Thompson Mountaintop Area Representative:

- Would like the Aging Department to come to the next WAJPL meeting (June 20, 2106 @ 1:30 p.m.) to discuss the importance on PERS (personal emergency response services). One of their club members was hurt and alone for 5 days.
- WAJPL Arts & Craft classes start on 5/23/16. Stained Glass, Art & Ceramic classes are on the schedule for this year.

Dorothy True Cairo Area Representative: EXCUSED

Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground:

- Common Ground will be hosting a mediation basic training.
- Elder Abuse Conference on 9/13/16 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are looking for vendors to participate. There will be a training session and then groups will break into separate workshops.
- Expanding Forever Parenting Classes
- Mediators are needed. There will be a 30 hour basic training session. Anyone interested please contact Common Ground.

Meeting was adjourned by Florence Ohle and seconded by Lyn Brunner.

Next meeting: Tuesday June 14, 2016 Aging Training Room 411 Main St. Catskill NY 12414.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS