

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
For GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT of HUMAN SERVICES
JUNE 14, 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 VanEtten, Phyllis Beechert, Lyn Brunner, Ernest Harris, Larry Krajeski, Lillian Moore, Dorothy True

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

Excused: Florence Ohle, Michelle Black, Kim Kaplan, Walter Thompson

Absent: Larry Gardner, Dawn Wallant

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Barbara Lindsay, Mobility Manager Greene County Transit / The Arc of Ulster Greene

MAY MINUTES: Motion made by Lillian Moore, seconded by Larry Krajeski, to accept May 2016 minutes with no changes.

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:

Terry McGee, Executive Director:

- Senior Day May 20, 2016 was very well received. Next year's date is 5/19/17, please think about themes and we will discuss at next meeting.
- Pat Gessner our part time Case Manager at Bethany Village has announced she will be retiring on June 23, 2016. There are discussions going on about how to proceed with a replacement.
- The CADER program is almost complete. Connie and I are the only two left to complete the online training.
- Ruth has been asked to create packets for the Volunteers that work in the Centers.
- Thought about creating a flowchart for the Dept. for the Aging, Youth Bureau has been using one for a while now and seems to be pretty successful.
- I will be taking a leave of absence from June 20, 2016 through July 15, 2016.

Ruth Pforte, RSVP:

- RSVP will hold a Fuel Raffle again this year. Tickets are available at centers, office or RSVP Council Members.
 - Dottie & Phyllis suggested that a table should be set up at a local Supermarket, The Cairo Balloon Festival and the Cairo Apple Festival. Their suggestions will be relayed to the RSVP Committee.
- NYSOFA RSVP grant was awarded for 2016 - 2017
- Additional drivers are needed in Catskill for meal routes.
- 4 new volunteers
- We have a new volunteer on the Mountaintop, but we don't have any routes. Terry suggested taking the Lexington Route away from Mary Ann, so she has more time to help out in the center. Ruth will reach out to the volunteer and see if they would be interested in that route.
- Asked for suggestions on meat for the Advisory Council Picnic (07/12/16) Hamburgers and Hotdogs was the choice.
- CONFERENCE: When surveying and reporting back concerning the grants. CNCS appreciates the addition of negative data that is received. When we report negative data concerning the program in the Narrative

section it gives a more realistic picture of our program. CNCS expects that programs will not run perfectly and if it appears that they are running perfectly it raises a red flag for CNCS

- There is a big push to Brand the RSVP program with the Senior Corp logo. The hope is that the public will become as familiar as they are with Vista, Peace Corp and American Corp.

Tezera Pulice, Nutrition Coordinator:

- Athens new oven has been installed and working wonderfully.
- Farmers Market Coupons are in, just waiting for the log sheets before we can start sending them out.
- Tai Chi classes will commence in Cossackie this week.
- A Menu Committee has been formed to review the current menus and meals.

Connie Bentley, Aging Services Coordinator:

- ACUU Conference went very well. Discussed various aspects of it.
- Suggested to the Council that they google Full Circle America. Very informative
- We now have an aide to serve our Mountaintop Clients.

Ken Brooks, Business Manager:

- Now that the GCT (Greene County Transit) is up and running. Ken announced that the Transportation responsibilities have been moved from Economic Development & Tourism to the Human Services Dept. He will be the liaison between The Arc of Ulster Greene and Green County.
- The finances are running status quo, I will have a quarterly report to present at the August meeting

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, Cossackie Area Representative: NA

Linda VanEtten, DSS:

- Heap Training for the 2016 – 2017 Season will be on Tuesday, August 2nd at the Desmond in Albany

Phyllis Beechert, Greenville Area Representative: NA

Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs Director: EXCUSED

Lynn Brunner, Athens Area Representative: NA

Larry Gardner, Legislature: Absent

Ernest Harris, Catskill Area Representative: NA

Kim Kaplan, Public Health: Absent

Larry Krajeski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing:

- Restore Home Improvement Program is still going on. If you know of anyone that may benefit from this grant, have them stop into Catskill Housing and fill out an application.

Lillian Moore, RSVP: NA

Florence Ohle, Director Community Action: Excused

Wally Thompson Mountaintop Area Representative: Excused

Dorothy True Cairo Area Representative:

- Has two events at the Cairo Library to put into the Round Table
- We need to look into ways to improve the Acra Site. The building is old and is in need of improvements
- Cairo Balloon Festival is August 19 & 20. Suggested this may be a good time to sell fuel raffles
- Apple Festival is Columbus Day Weekend, another place Fuel Raffle tickets can be sold.

Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground: Absent

Meeting was adjourned by Phyllis Beechert and seconded by Linda Van Etten.

Next meeting: Tuesday July 12, 2016 Dutchman's Landing at 12:00 Noon

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS