

ADVISORY COUNCIL
For GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT for the AGING
OCT 11, 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 Krajewski, Dawn Wallant, Connie Bentley, Ken Brooks, Ruth Pforte, Tezera Pulice, Terry McGee-Ward

Excused: Michelle Black, Dorothy True, Lillian Moore, Walter Thompson,

Absent: Florence Ohle, Kim Kaplan, Larry Gardner

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Patricia Caporta, Quality Assurance/Compliance Office, Public Health Guest of Kim Kaplan

SEPTEMBER MINUTES: Motion made by Linda Van Etten, seconded by Phyllis Beechert, to accept Sept. 2016 minutes with no changes. Dawn Wallant wanted to confirm she was “excused” from this meeting not absent.

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:

Terry McGee, Executive Director:

- Terry talked about our new Statewide Client Data Base
- Talked about the Tai Chi Grant for the classes that were held in Coxsackie
- The interviews for the Bethany Village replacement were pushed back to November 2016 due to timing constraints on the staff...
- Apologized to the Council that we would have to be done right at 3:00 for an important webinar.
- Terry will be at the Aging Conference from Oct 19-Oct 21, and the Youth Conference from Oct 25 – Oct 26.

Ruth Pforte, RSVP:

- Reviewed 3 new volunteers
- 2016 Recognition Luncheon had 202 attendees. Band: Dusk to Dawn had good reviews.
- NYSOFA RSVP Progress Report due October 31, 2016
- CNCS RSVP Progress Report due October 31, 2016.
- Festival of Trees Nov 19-20, RSVP has applied for a tree
- Johny Brooks (Volunteer) passed away.
- Attended a Memorial Service for Evelyn Jennings.
- Ron Gabriele will be hosting speaking engagements throughout October 2016.

Tezera Pulice, Nutrition Coordinator:

- Our NEW Nutritionist started. Her name is Juanita Bryant. She will be working out of her office, located in Columbia County. Most communication will be email or mail. She will be attending the next menu committee meeting which will be held on October 20, 2016.

Connie Bentley, Aging Services Coordinator:

- HIICAP – preparing for open enrollment
- MIPPA – working on low income programs that this grant offers.
- NYSOFA – dealing with several issues that have arose with NYSOFA.
- Statewide Client Data Base. Two staff members from my department are assisting the staff in learning the new system, which is taking time from their normal work requirements.

Ken Brooks, Business Manager:

- Budget is done and in the hands of the County Administrator.
- Still waiting word on the two Grants that were done.
- Greene county Transit seems to be happy with ridership so far. They will be doing a press release within the next 30 days and starting a marketing campaign as well.
- Senior Angel kicked off for the 2016 – 2017 year. This year we are hosting our first Thanksgiving Dinner at the Athens Senior Center. We have applied for a grant through the WAYNE SPEENBURG Legislative Grant with the help of Gene Hatton.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Tezera reported on client trend:
 - HDM: numbers are up in Greeneville, Freehold, and Mountaintop & Coxsackie. Down in Catskill, Acra & Athens.
 - CONGREGATE MEALS: Strong in Coxsackie and Athens, weak in Catskill, Acra 7 Mountaintop.

Connie reported that due to the statewide shortage of Aides, we are not able to serve the clients that need aide services. There is a waiting list. This problem seems to be the norm throughout NYS.

Connie also passed around a sample of what the NY Connect bus wrap advertising will look like. Keep an eye out for it and let us know when you see the bus.

NEW BUSINESS:

- PUBLIC HEARINGS: this year the public hearings will be in Durham, Athens & Coxsackie. We are looking for Advisor volunteers to represent at the Hearings. Florence Ohle has agreed to attend the meeting in Durham, and Richard Golden will attend the meetings in Athens as well as Coxsackie.
- 2017 MEETING DATES: A flyer with next year's meeting dates was handed out for review (see attached), this will be voted on at the November 2016 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DUE TO THE SHORTAGE OF TIME, THE REPRESENTATIVES ONLY SPOKE ON IMPORTANT ISSUES:

Richard Golden, Coxsackie Area Representative: N/A

Linda VanEtten, DSS: N/A

Phyllis Beechert, Greenville Area Representative: N/A

Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs Director: Absent

Lynn Brunner, Athens Area Representative:

- There will be an Octoberfest Party on 10/13/16.
- Lyn also inquired about the poster for patient discharge that will be done for each of the centers. Ken will check into it with Maureen.

Larry Gardner, Legislature: Absent

Ernest Harris, Catskill Area Representative: N/A

Kim Kaplan, Public Health: Absent

Larry Krajieski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing:

- Wanted to let everyone know that there is money still available in the RESTORE Home Improvement Program.

Lillian Moore, RSVP: Excused

Florence Ohle, Director Community Action: Absent

Wally Thompson Mountaintop Area Representative: Excused

Dorothy True Cairo Area Representative: Excused

Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground:

Spoke on the highlights on the Elder Abuse Conference. Had handouts for everyone and encouraged all to considering volunteer for the Elder Abuse Task Force that they are forming for the Greene & Columbia County Areas.

Meeting was adjourned by Larry Krajieski & Ernest Harris.

Next meeting: Tuesday November 15, 2016, 411 Main St. Conference Room @ 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS