

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
For GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT of HUMAN SERVICES
NOV 15, 2016 MINUTES & DEC 13, 2016
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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

ROLL CALL:

11/15/16 Present: Richard Golden, Florence Ohle, Lyn Brunner, Ernest Harris, Lillian Moore, Walter Thompson, Dorothy True, Patty Caporta, Ken Brooks, Ruth Pforte, Tezera Pulice

12/13/16 Present: Richard Golden, Linda Van Etten, Florence Ohle, Phyllis Beechert, Ernest Harris, Larry Krajeski, Lillian Moore, Dorothy True, Patty Caporta, Terry McGee Ward, Ken Brooks & Ruth Pforte

11/15/16 Excused: Linda VanEtten, Phyllis Beechert, Michelle Black, Kim Kaplan, Dawn Wallant, Terry McGee Ward, Connie Bentley

12/13/16 Excused: Lyn Brunner, Walter Thompson, Michelle Black, Kim Kaplan, Dawn Wallant, Connie Bentley, Tezera Pulice

11/15/16: Absent: Larry Gardner, Larry Krajeski

12/13/16 Absent: Larry Gardner

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: NA

OCTOBER MINUTES: Motion made by Lillian Moore, seconded by Walter Thompson, to accept Oct. 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:

- At a mandatory meeting in Latham
- Two of the Three Public Hearings are complete, Coxsackie-Bethany Village and Athens Senior Center. The third one Durham will be completed 11/15/16. Coxsackie was relatively uneventful, Athens did not respond well to the new Statewide Data System.
- NY CONNECTS is a program that we operate. It is a No Wrong Door. Major changes are coming down the road. Changes that will be a lot different for the Staff and Clients compared to what they are currently use to.
- We will be doing an advertising campaign on the Price Chopper pharmacy bags it will be encompass NY Connects and the RSVP need for volunteers.
- We will be doing a Bus Wrap on the Public Transportation System showing the kickoff of the NY CONNECTS program.
- Interviews will take place this week to replace a P/T Specialist. This person will work Tues, Weds & Thurs 7 hours for 21 hours per week.

Ruth Pforte, RSVP:

11/15/16 Meeting

- Reviewed 6 new volunteers

- Thank you to all that attended the Recognition Luncheon
- Festival of Trees Nov 19-20, RSVP has applied for a tree.
- Progress reports for CNCS and NYSOFA RSVP have been submitted to the State and Federal Gov't.
- Fuel Raffle Tickets are still available.
- Attended the N4A "The Health Benefits of Volunteering"
- CNCS grant continuation is due 1/17/17.
- Reported on Networking

12/13/16:

- Read off list of new volunteers for review and approval.

Tezera Pulice, Nutrition Coordinator:

- Juanita Bryant our new Nutritionist is visiting the centers and doing her first Nutrition Education.
- Janet has two trips in December to Washing Park Lights 12/7 and 12/14

Connie Bentley, Aging Services Coordinator:

- Connie was at the mandatory meeting with Terry, but wanted everyone to know:
- The office is very busy, heap season started on 11/14/16 and HIICAP Open Enrollment will start soon.
- NY Connects Grant Application was submitted for the 2017 period.
- Working on finalizing the Bus Wrap and the Pharmacy Bag Advertising.

Ken Brooks, Business Manager:

- NYSOFA AIP (Annual Implementation Plan) is due 12/9/16.
- Still awaiting word on the two Grants that were done.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 2017 Meeting Dates were reviewed and accepted. Florence Ohle made the motion and Ernie Harris seconded it. All were in favor, no opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The new Consent Forms were handed out to all the council for review and comments.
- Ruth spoke about the Christmas Luncheon – haven't found a place yet. Florence Ohle recommended the New York Restaurant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard Golden, Coxsackie Area Representative:

- A fundraiser took place to raise \$20,000 for the Coxsackie Food Pantry.

Linda VanEtten, DSS: Excused

Phyllis Beechert, Greenville Area Representative: Excused

Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs Director: Excused

Lynn Brunner, Athens Area Representative:

- There will be a Trim-A-Tree celebration at the Athens Senior Center on Thursday 11/17/16.

Larry Gardner, Legislature: Absent

Ernest Harris, Catskill Area Representative: N/A

Kim Kaplan, Public Health: Absent

Larry Krajeski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing: Absent

Lillian Moore, RSVP:

- Wanted to thank everyone for the cards and well wishes while she was in the hospital.

Florence Ohle, Director Community Action:

- Discussed Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by Community Action and the Catskill Elks
- Volunteers are needed Year Round (not just during the holidays) working with a group that specializes in volunteer encouragement. Will invite Ruth to the next meeting
- Citizens Preparedness Awareness class will be held on Friday 11/18/16 @ 6:00 PM
- “Here Comes Christmas” & “Adopt a Family” is up and running again this year.
- VITA Program will once again be offered for assistance in Tax Prep
- Solutions to Ending Homeless Program (STEHP) is available again to those that are “Income Eligible”
- Small Business Vendor Blender will be Saturday 11/26/16 from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. At the Cairo-Durham Elementary School.

Wally Thompson Mountaintop Area Representative:

- Thanks to all for their concerns while he was in the hospital.
- Now that Wally is receiving Home Delivered Meals he can address concerns directly. He wanted Tezera to know that the meals have improved tremendously, except for the Pork Lo Mein. Gayle calls Wally for advice and spice ideas for the meals.
- Wally stated that there has been a new set of officers elected to the WAJPL Senior Club. Due to his health Wally is no longer on the WAJPL Board of Officers.

Dorothy True Cairo Area Representative:

- Wanted to thank everyone as well for their thoughts and prayers while she was out.

Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground: Excused

11/15/16 Meeting was adjourned by Ernest Harris & seconded by Lillian Moore.

12/13/16 Meeting Adjourned by Phyllis Beechert & seconded by Lillian Moore.

NOTE: The Dec. 13, 2016 was opened for the pledge and Ruth’s report. It was then closed and then the RSVP Council & Advisory Council enjoyed their Holiday Lunch.

Next meeting: Tuesday December 13, 2016. This will be our Annual Christmas Luncheon, at Pegasus Restaurant.

Next OFFICIAL Meeting: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 @ 2:00 PM Greene County Staff Training Room.

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