

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
For GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT of HUMAN SERVICES
JANUARY 10, 2017
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, Ernest Harris, Larry Krajeski, Lillian Moore, Dorothy True, Patty Caporta, Barbara Lindsay, Terry McGee Ward, Ken Brooks, Ruth Pforte, Tezera Pulice

Excused: Lyn Brunner, Florence Ohle, Walter Thompson, Michelle Black, Kim Kaplan, Dawn Wallant, Phyllis Beechart

Absent: Larry Gardner

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Donna Christensen, Vitaliy Bobkov & Nancy Forgione of Hearthstone Care gave an introductory presentation about their new adult daycare in Greene County. Donna, Vitaliy & Nancy spoke about the daily routine that the clients could expect when staying at the daycare center. They also spoke about various funding sources that could help families reduce the high costs.

They then took numerous questions from the Board. Richard Golden thanked them for coming in.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER: Barbara Lindsay, Mobility Manager for The ARC of Ulster County.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MINUTES: Motion made by Lillian Moore, seconded by Ernest Harris, to accept Nov & Dec. 2016 minutes with no changes.

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:

Ruth Pforte, RSVP:

- Reviewed 3 new volunteers
- Winner of the fuel raffle was Mary Fitzgerald. Winning ticket sold by Phyllis Beechart. Special thanks to Phyllis for all her help selling tickets for the RSVP Fundraising Committee.
- Still working on continuation of RSVP Grant due Jan. 17, 2017.
- Compliance visit is 1/12/17 & 1/13/17
- Surveys concerning volunteers to HDM clients and client nutrition will go out shortly. This is a combined survey between RSVP & Nutrition.
- Community Resource Day will be 3/23/17 @ the Washington Irving Senior Center from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Martin Luther King Peace March is 1/12/17. Assemble at Mt. Tabor on Water Street prior to 5:10. March to Courthouse to start at 5:15. Speech on the Courthouse steps then continue on to the Catskill High School for a Program. A collection of non-perishable food items will take place at the high school.

Tezera Pulice, Nutrition Coordinator:

- There are two meetings set up at the centers:
 - Save Energy Save Money: Athens 1/19/17 @ 11:00 a.m., Coxsackie 1/24/17 @ 11:00 a.m.

- Sharp Safety – Medical Disposal: Acra 2/6/17 & 2/13/17 @ 11:30 a.m., Athens 2/8/17 & 2/15/17 @ 11:30 a.m., Catskill 2/7/17 & 2/14/17 @ 11:30 a.m., Coxsackie 2/9/17 & 2/16/17 @ 11:30 a.m., and Jewett 2/10/17 & 2/17/17 @ 11:30 a.m.
- Annual evaluation will take place on 1/26/17 & 1/27/17.

Connie Bentley, Aging Services Coordinator:

- Working with Social Day Care personnel very closely. Establishing rules and regulations that NYSOFA require.
- NY Connects has been expanding their No Wrong Door options. More options available to clients.
- Learning and understanding the new computer system is still a daily struggle.

Ken Brooks, Business Manager:

- Working on NYSOFA AIP (Annual Implementation Plan) financial portion should have it done and submitted by 1/20/17.
- Senior Angels raised a record breaking \$14,603.40.
- Review of annual AIP – We had to make some changes in the Subcontractor Field due to the increase in our Nutritionist.
- We are allocating funds to our Ancillary program to assist seniors in remaining in their home.

Terry McGee, Executive Director:

- Just sat in on first NYS Assoc. on Aging Board. Very information. There will be a 2 day Lobby Day on Feb 6th & 7th, 2017.
- Finances are tight for 2017. With the County Jail scheduled for 2017 the County may be reviewing spending.
- Setting up evaluation schedules for all the staff.
- Still experiencing issues with Peer Place (our new computer system). No FAQ list and the Consent request may be a violation on the 14th amendment. Will be checking with County Attorney.
- Legal Aid Society contacted us regarding clinics. Will get more information for next meeting.
- NYSOFA conducted their annual assessment. Verbal review looked good, waiting for the written report.
- We are reaching out to ARC for a staffing possibility in our ACRA office.
- The public hearings all seem to have the same opinion. The seniors love the services we provide and they are not happy about the new Client Database.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard Golden, Coxsackie Area Representative:

- The new food pantry in Coxsackie will move in on 1/21/17. It is located behind the Village Hall next to the Firehouse. Official Address: 117 Mansion St. Coxsackie, NY. The GRAND OPENING will be at a later date.

Linda VanEtten, DSS:

- Emergency HEAP opened in January 2017, Still funds available for cleaning and repair of furnaces.

Phyllis Beechert, Greenville Area Representative: Excused

Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs Director: Excused

Lynn Brunner, Athens Area Representative: Excused

Larry Gardner, Legislature: Absent

Ernest Harris, Catskill Area Representative:

- Haven't received any concerns or complaints from the Catskill Area clients. Will start to reach out to people to make sure everything is good.

Kim Kaplan, Public Health: Excused / Patricia Caporta: Present

- New brochures for: GCPHD were handed out– now include phone app Greene Cty Family Planning\Prep Medication takeback
- The Emergency Preparedness program is looking to strengthen our Medical Reserve Corp (MRC). This is a group of citizens that register through the MRC system and in the event of an emergency are activated to work as support staff within our Point of Dispensing (POD) locations or other response areas as qualified/needed. Registration can be done online at:
<http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov/volunteerfldr/AboutVolunteering>
Please contact for additional information:
Brielle Phillips Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Greene County Public Health Department
411 Main Street, Ste 300, Catskill, NY 12414 Office: (518) 719-3611 Fax: (518) 719-3781
Email:bphillips@discovergreene.com
- County flu vaccines given in 2016 – 339 flu shots
- POD training at Catskill High school planned for Wed March 1 2017 from 9am - 2pm. Emergency Preparedness Coordinator is looking for 5 - 7 add'l volunteers. Training to be that AM . Volunteers should Contact Brielle Phillips at Office: (518) 719-3611

Larry Krajewski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing: NA

Barbara Lindsay, Mobility Mgr. The ARC of Ulster County: NA

Lillian Moore, RSVP:

- Working on the March 2017 luncheon.

Florence Ohle, Director Community Action: Excused

Wally Thompson Mountaintop Area Representative: Excused

Dorothy True Cairo Area Representative: NA

Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground: Excused

Meeting was adjourned by Linda Van Etten & seconded by Lillian Moore.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 @ 2:00 PM Greene County Staff Training Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS