

ADVISORY COUNCIL
To the GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT for the AGING
FEBRUARY 14, 2017 MEETING

Call to order at 2:00 p.m. by Linda VanEtten followed by Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Present: Linda Van Etten, Lyn Brunner, Florence Ohle, Larry Krajewski, Lillian Moore, Dorothy True, Patty Caporta, Barbara Lindsay, Terry McGee Ward, Ken Brooks, Ruth Pforte, Tezera Pulice

Excused: Richard Golden, Dawn Wallant

Absent: Larry Gardner, Michelle Black, Ernest Harris, Kim Kaplan

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: NA

JANUARY MINUTES: Motion made by Lillian Moore, seconded by Dorothy True, to accept Jan 2017 minutes with minor changes.

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:

Ruth Pforte, RSVP:

- 6 New volunteers and 1 vetted Volunteer
- Continuation of RSVP Grant was submitted in January
- Compliance Visit went well. Few suggestions were made to better program
- Clings for volunteer's cars have been ordered
- Working of Athens Crafter's Tea event. No date set as of yet.
- Installation of RSVP Officers will be held on February 27th @ Pegasus/
- MLK Community Resource day is set for March 23rd @ Washington Irving Center 9:00am-2:00pm
- Working on safe TALK presentation with DMH

Tezera Pulice, Nutrition Coordinator:

- Presentations are being set up between OASAS and Twin County. All will start @ 11:30 am
- Acra-4/3/17, Athens-4/5/17, Catskill-4/11/17, Coxsackie-4/26/17 & Jewett-5/2/17.
Annual Evaluation went well. Coxsackie received a warning for Ride along – food, office paperwork.
Athens visit went well. Only comment was working with NEW Registered Dietitian.
The evaluator was very impressed that we prepare most of our food in-house. The final report will be sent with 6 – 8 weeks.

Connie Bentley, Aging Services Coordinator:

- Very busy with services, dealing with absents in office and receiving a lot of 1st time callers
- Will be installing computers @ each center to assist seniors with various application websites, as well as the mybenefits.com website.
- Will be meeting with referral suppliers in the near future. Starting with The Pines on 3/3/17.
- Still dealing with new data base.

Ken Brooks, Business Manager:

- AIP (Annual Implementation Plan) completed and submitted to NYSOFA.
- Updated Advisory Council on future grants that may change and or be going away.

Terry McGee, Executive Director:

- Attended a 2 day Lobby Day on Feb 6th & 7th, 2017. Reviewed and discussed what went on and whom we talked to. Shared the Chairwoman's names for both Aging Areas in Assembly and Legislature. Everyone is pushing to "Step up for Seniors" to prevent any cuts in budget to benefit seniors.
- Continuing to have weekly Peer Place Champion meetings
- Governor created a NYS Office for New Americans
- Handed out information on NYS Kinship Navigator

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Walter Thompson has resigned his position with the Advisory Council due to health issues and medical restrictions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard Golden, Coxsackie Area Representative: Excused

Linda VanEtten, DSS:

- Announced the winners of the Senior Citizen of the Year, Outstanding Contributions by a Senior Citizen Award. **Names being withheld until they are contacted.**

Phyllis Beechert, Greenville Area Representative:

- Wanted everyone made aware that Tara M. Miller of Gabriel-Moran Hearing Aid Ctr. Spoke to her and said that she would be willing to go to Nursing Homes to assist with issues and clean and adjust hearing aids. She would also be willing to sit with nurses and offer explanations on how to adjust aids for the residents. Phyllis provided the information to Terry and Ruth.

Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs Director: Absent

Lynn Brunner, Athens Area Representative: NA

Larry Gardner, Legislature: Absent

Ernest Harris, Catskill Area Representative: Absent

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

- Jillian from her dept. has recruited 50 plus for the Biggest Loser Competition
- There are 5 Flu Shots left for anyone that may need it.
- Penny Martinez is working with 4 high schools to discuss RAP Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month
- Went to 1st part of the Transgender Awareness Training part 2 is next week.

Larry Krajieski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing:

- Still availability for the RE-STORE Grant. (Emergency Home Repair) qualified applicants must be 60 years or older.

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

- Reported of Routes and possibility of changing some of them around.
- Discussed 2017 plans for marketing and outreach
- Ridership started off great and remains good

Lillian Moore, RSVP: NA

Florence Ohle, Director Community Action:

- DSRIP-Community Action is co-leader with Rural Health Network. More than physical health affects your well-being, social conditions also affect health such as housing, food insecurity etc.
- Attempting to recruit 10 other companies to assist.
- Working in schools as well.
- April is Crime Victims Awareness Month.
- Community Action is a weigh in site for the Biggest Loser Competition.
- VITA- participating in VITA again this year. Tax preparation will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Weatherization program is still going on.
- Involved with Volunteer Generation Grant. Volunteers needed for assistance.

Dorothy True Cairo Area Representative: NA

Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground: Excused

Meeting was adjourned by Larry Krajieski & seconded by Lillian Moore.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS