

**ADVISORY COUNCIL  
TO THE  
GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING  
MARCH 21, 2017 (SNOWDATE)  
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, Phyllis Beechert, Michelle Black, Lynn Brunner, Ernest Harris, Barbara Lindsay, Lillian Moore, Dorothy True, Patty Caporta, Terry McGee Ward, Connie Bentley, Ken Brooks, Ruth Pforte, Tezera Pulice.

**Excused:** Florence Ohle, Dawn Wallant, Larry Krajewski

**Absent:** Larry Gardner

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** NA

**FEBRUARY MINUTES:** Motion made by Lillian Moore, seconded by Phyllis Beechert, to accept Feb 2017 minutes with minor changes.

**PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:**

**Ruth Pforte, RSVP:**

- 12 New Volunteers – list was reviewed
- RSVP Grant continuation was approved.
- Athens Crafter's Tea event will take place on 5/16/17
- Installation of RSVP Officers was held on February 27<sup>th</sup> @ Pegasus
- MLK Community Resource day is set for March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ Washington Irving Center 9:00am-2:00pm, 32 vendors have confirmed.
- Safe TALK presentation with DMH will take place on:
  - 4/3/17 – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm @ Athens
  - 4/7/17 – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm @ Jewett
  - 4/12/17 – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm @ Coxsackie
  - 4/18/17 – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm @ Greenville LibraryLetter to volunteers concerning the training went out. Reservations are coming in.

**Tezera Pulice, Nutrition Coordinator:**

- Still waiting on Evaluation results
- Preparing for Senior Day on 5/19/17.

**Connie Bentley, Aging Services Coordinator:**

- Caregiver Conference on 3/23/17
- May Conference as well, not sure of date will report next month.
- Reviewing Evaluation needs. What needs to be done to stay compliant.
- Still dealing with new data base.
- Still dealing with issues regarding the Senior Adult Daycare Center

**Ken Brooks, Business Manager:**

- AIP (Annual Implementation Plan) completed and submitted to NYSOFA.
- Noted that the traffic in the front office has increased. We are getting a lot more phone calls and walk ins.

**Terry McGee, Executive Director:**

- Continuing to have weekly Peer Place Champion meetings
- Cairo Rotary had a Health Fair on 3/11/17, Maureen, Ruth & Terry attended. Attendance was low, will see if they can partner up with our Health Fair next year.
- Read an email from Greg Olsen, Acting Director of NYSOFA regarding the Home Delivered Meal Budget, and how current budget cuts will not affect our Home Delivered Meal grant.
- John Faso will be helping out with Meal Deliveries on 5/11/17. He will do a ride along with a volunteer.

**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Ken read Walter Thompson's official letter of resignation. His resignation was accepted with much appreciated from the Advisory Council. Motion made by Phyllis Beechert and Seconded by Linda Van Etten.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Richard Golden, Coxsackie Area Representative:**

- Coxsackie Food Pantry is now open.
- Athens Food Pantry is moving to the Lutheran Church, construction and updates are taking place now.

**Linda VanEtten, DSS:**

- Regular HEAP assistance closed on 3/17/17, Emergency HEAP assistance closes on 3/31/17.
- Linda wanted to make everyone aware that DSS does do PRI & Screening. But at this moment Linda is the only one qualified to do this. Beatrice Clappin is in the final stages of being qualified to do them as well. If they cannot do them, clients are referred to the EDDY. Costs can range from \$30 - \$200.

**Phyllis Beechert, Greenville Area Representative:**

- Present a letter from Tara M. Miller of Gabriel-Moran Hearing Aid Ctr. Regarding what 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. Terry recommended that we invite her to have a table at the Senior Day event.

**Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs Director:**

- Wanted everyone to know that their handicap accessible van is up and running. They have 2 drivers and 3 vehicles, 2 vans (1 handicap accessible) and 1 car to transport Veterans from Catskill VA to Albany VA. For more information people can call Transportation Mgr. Mike Schnurr @ 755-2348..

**Lynn Brunner, Athens Area Representative:**

- Received several calls from clients who received numerous calls from Swift 911.
- Planning Committee is planning an Easter Brunch

**Larry Gardner, Legislature:** Absent

**Ernest Harris, Catskill Area Representative:** NA

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

- Kim Kaplan has been appointed Director.
- Went to the 2nd part of the Transgender Awareness Training. Thought it went very well.

**Larry Krajeski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing:** Excused

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

- Working on Route changes and Updates should be done by 3/31/17.

**Lillian Moore, RSVP:**

- Wanted Tezera to know that the St. Patrick's Day lunch was delicious and the party was very enjoyable.

**Florence Ohle, Director Community Action:** EXCUSED

**Dorothy True Cairo Area Representative:**

- Holding off calling State regarding Aging issues until after the Budget is done.

**Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground:** Excused

Meeting was adjourned by Dorothy True & seconded by Linda Van Etten @ 3:03 pm.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 @ 2:00 PM Greene County Staff Training Room.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS