

ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING.

APRIL 11, 2017 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, Larry Krajeski, Barbara Lindsay, Lillian Moore, Florence Ohle, Dorothy True, Dawn Wallant, Patty Caporta, Terry McGee Ward, Connie Bentley, Ken Brooks, Tezera Pulice.

Excused: Kim Kaplan, Ruth Pforte

Absent: Larry Gardner

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Sarah Mulhall, Social Worker VA. Rural Health Initiative:

Sarah spoke about her new assignment at the VA in Catskill. She is involved with the Rural Health Initiative and “Shared Decision Making”. She is reaching out to all that can assist her in her responsibilities. It was recommended by Terry Ward that Sarah attend a couple of the Networking meetings to get familiar with the different agencies in the area.

MARCH MINUTES: Motion made by Michelle Black seconded by Patty Caporta, to accept Mar 2017 minutes with minor changes.

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:

Ruth Pforte, RSVP: EXCUSED report read by Ken Brooks:

- County Official’s Day took place on April 4th: Attendees were:
 - Paul Macko, Greenville Supervisor
 - Chris Pfistor, Village of Athens Mayor
 - Rick Hanse, Town of Coxsackie Supervisor
 - Gene Hatton, County Legislator for AthensAll delivered Meals
- Aidan O’Conner, Greene County Legislature for Durham attended the Acra Meal site to see the meals being packed.
- Athens Crafter’s Tea event will take place on 5/16/17
- MLK Community Resource day had 36 vendors and 68 attendees.
- Safe TALK presentation with DMH will take place on:
 - 4/3/17 – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm @ Athens – 14 people attended 2 volunteers are interested in training
 - 4/7/17 – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm @ Jewett – cancelled due to lack of response
 - 4/12/17 – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm @ Coxsackie – 15 signed up
 - 4/18/17 – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm @ Greenville Library – 8 signed up (10 required for class)
- Working on the Progress report for the CNCS RSVP Due April 30th
- We received a proclamation from the Greene County Legislature declaring April 23rd – 29th Volunteer Week.
- All but one volunteer who has been approved has been trained. 3 of the volunteers from the Athens area will be doing homebound meals in Catskill.

Tezera Pulice, Nutrition Coordinator:

- Nutrition staff attended a FoodServ Certification training on 4/6/17.
- Easter Brunch 4/20/17 @ all centers
- Preparing for Senior Day on 5/19/17.

Connie Bentley, Aging Services Coordinator:

- Alzheimer Association Conference on 5/23/17 @ CGCC 9:30 – 4:00 Molly McCann will be present.
- Met with Hearthstone Senior Day Care staff.

Ken Brooks, Business Manager:

- AIP (Annual Implementation Plan) completed and submitted to NYSOFA. Waiting for approval
- Read an announcement pertaining to the Honor Flight taking place on 5/6/17.

Terry McGee, Executive Director:

- Continuing to have weekly Peer Place Champion meetings
- We have a new van. Will be on the road in a couple of weeks.
- RSVP Assessment. There are 21 corrective actions that need to take place. Working with Ruth on resolution.
- Will be attending the next Tai Chi training, this way Tai Chi classes can be given in Jewett & Acra.
- Gwen Starke is retiring. Her last day is 6/16/17.
- Discussed email from NYSOFA regarding the new client based data system.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard Golden, Coxsackie Area Representative:

- Athens Food Pantry will be moving sometime in May 2017. Attempting to raise \$20,000 for the move.

Linda VanEtten, DSS: NA

Phyllis Beechert, Greenville Area Representative:NA

Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs Director:

- Honor a Vet will be taking place on 5/20/17 @ 10:00 am on the County Courthouse Steps.

Lynn Brunner, Athens Area Representative:

- Crafters Tea will be held in Athens on 5/16/17.

Larry Gardner, Legislature: Absent

Ernest Harris, Catskill Area Representative: NA

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

- GCMH will have a table at the Rural Health Network Health Fair Sat. 4/29/17 11:00 – 2:00.

Larry Krajewski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing:

- Catskill Mountain Housing once again will have a Trailer Replacement Program for anyone that is interested. The applicant must own the Trailer and the land that the trailer sits on.
- Emergency Home repair funding is once again available for qualified applicants 60 years and older.

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

- Working on booking events the Greene County Transit could attend to get the word out. Terry has offered on Conference Room if Barbara would like to hold a roundtable meeting there.

Lillian Moore, RSVP: NA

Florence Ohle, Director Community Action:

- May is National Community Action Month
- 5/5/17 There will be a silent auction celebration @ 6 pm at Community Action's Office & Parking Lot
- 5/6/17 Family Fun Day
- 5/11/17 Day of Service: this year cleaning up Humane Society
- 5/19/17 Free Family Movie Night
- 5/22/17 free luncheon. Poverty simulation – Catskill Elks invitations will be sent
- Weatherization Program is up and running. Offering clean up assistance. Flyer in Round Table
- Federal Budget has eliminated several funding sources. Next year will be a little tougher on Community Action

Dorothy True Cairo Area Representative:

- Town of Cairo has decided to create a Senior Recreational Area in their park. Just in the planning stages, will keep us posted as more information is released.

Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground:

- Gala Fundraiser will be held on 7/27/17 @ the Haddad Residence in Columbia County.
- Elder Abuse Task Force has met several times. Would like to see more participation from the Greene County side.
- 6/14/17 – Senior Abuse Awareness Day.

Meeting was adjourned by Florence Ohle & seconded by Linda Van Etten @ 3:08 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 @ 2:00 PM Greene County Staff Training Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS