

ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING.

MAY 9, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order at 2:00 p.m. by Florence Ohle followed by Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Present: Richard Golden, Lynn Brunner, Larry Krajeski, Barbara Lindsay, Florence Ohle, Dorothy True, Patty Caporta, Connie Bentley, Ken Brooks, Tezera Pulice.

Excused: Linda Van Etten, Michelle Black, Kim Kaplan, Dawn Wallant, Lillian Moore, Ruth Pforte, Terry McGee Ward

Absent: Larry Gardner, Phyllis Beechert, Ernest Harris

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: NA

APRIL MINUTES: Motion made by Dorothy True seconded by Barbara Lindsay, to accept April 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 Pfister, 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
- Safe TALK presentation with DMH took place on:
 - 4/3/17 – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm @ Athens – 14 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 attended
- 4/18/17 – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm @ Greenville Library – 11 attended
- Progress report for the CNCS RSVP submitted
- Recognition Committee had their first meeting for volunteer luncheon. This years' theme will be Volunteers are Gems acknowledging the 40th Anniversary which is Ruby.
- We have 3 new members on the Recognition Committee: Caroline Knoth, Mary Oettinger, and JoEllen Gillooley.
- Cliff and Ruth visited all the stations on 5/3/17 to complete a Safety & Accessibility check of the building.
- There will be 5 previous Senior of the Years attending this year's Senior Day.
- Attending NYS Older New Yorkers Day with Richard Brooks & Ed Bloomer.

- Fill The Trolley Food Drive will be June 3rd at the Catskill Commons, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.
- Ruth will be on vacation on June 24th through July 10th.

Tezera Pulice, Nutrition Coordinator:

- Public Health will be presenting Medication Takeback event at the centers 5/10/17 in Athens, 5/11/17 in Coxsackie, 5/18/17 in Jewett.
- Senior Scam Alert Event will be at Athens on 6/13/17, Catskill on 6/15/17, and Coxsackie on 6/22/17.
- John Faso Day will be Thursday 5/11/17.
- Preparing for Senior Day on 5/19/17.
- Farmers Coupons will be available around the end of June 2017.

Connie Bentley, Aging Services Coordinator:

- Home Care Aide Shortage. Once again Greene County is experiencing an Aide shortage. We currently have 20 clients on a waiting list. All the agencies have expressed concern.
- Through the MIPPA Grant, we will be have radio announcements and diner placemats with ads making the public aware of our services.
- Caregiver Conference pamphlets were handed out
- Will be presenting to a group of people from St. Mary's Church in Coxsackie.

Ken Brooks, Business Manager:

- AIP (Annual Implementation Plan) is in final stage of approval. Should be done by end of May.
- Thanks to the Wayne Speenburgh grant, we will have an automatic door installed at the Athens Senior Center. The Thrift Shop has voted to have one installed at the Thrift Shop as well (paid for by the funds raised at the Thrift Shop).
- We will be having a new floor installed at the Athens Senior Center, the costs w/b \$14,000, the Thrift Shop voted and agreed to pay for \$7000.00 of the cost and also to have a new floor installed in the Thrift Shop at the same time.

Terry McGee, Executive Director: Excused Ken reported:

- Continuing to have weekly Peer Place Champion meetings
- ACUU Conference has been approved. A major portion of the staff will be attending 6/6/17 & 6/7/17.
- Senior Day is May 19, 2017, expecting a large crowd.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Interagency Day on 5/25/17

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard Golden, Coxsackie Area Representative:

- Coxsackie-Athens Rotary Club will be putting a coupon in the Round Table Newsletter. The coupon will be good for minor repairs done by the Helping Hands program that the Club runs. This will take place on a specific weekend, date to be determined.

Linda VanEtten, DSS: NA

Phyllis Beechert, Greenville Area Representative:NA

Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs Director: Excused report read by Ken

1. Greene County Annual Honor a Vet Memorial Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017. This year's honoree is US Army PFC G.L. "Johnny" Lyles, a long-time Catskill resident, who received the Purple Heart for wounds he suffered in combat in Vietnam. The ceremony is held outside, on the steps of the Greene County Courthouse – 320 Main Street, Catskill, and begins at 10:00 am.
2. Greene County Veterans Service Agency is hiring a per diem Chauffer. Pay is \$10.96/hour, hour vary, not to exceed 20h/week. Chauffeurs must have valid Class D licenses, (no CDL required), does require some lifting/assisting disabled Veterans in and out of vehicles, operation of wheelchair lift, some light vehicle maintenance and cleaning, basic job description is transporting Greene County veterans from their homes to medical appointments at VA Medical facilities and back to their homes.
3. For more updates on veterans issues, please like/follow on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/greenecountyvets

Lynn Brunner, Athens Area Representative:

- Expressed concerns about what the "suggested amount" for special events should be. Is it \$5.00 or \$4.00? If it is a luncheon and no other meal is prepared the \$4.00 stays the same. If it is an additional meal, i.e.: a brunch then the \$5.00 suggested rate will apply.

Larry Gardner, Legislature: Absent

Ernest Harris, Catskill Area Representative: NA

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

- GCPH had a table at the Rural Health Network Health Fair, everything went well about 35 people.
- Looking forward to the interagency day on 5/25/17.

Larry Krajewski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing:

- Catskill Mountain Housing Trailer Replacement Program is still available for anyone that is interested. The applicant must own the Trailer and the land that the trailer sits on.
- Emergency Home repair funding is still 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.

Lillian Moore, RSVP: NA

Florence Ohle, Director Community Action:

- May is National Community Action Month
- 5/5/17 There was a silent auction celebration at Community Action's Office & Parking Lot
 - Went well, it would have been nicer if it didn't rain
- 5/6/17 Family Fun Day
 - Event went well the face painter and magician was well received.
- 5/11/17 Day of Service: this year cleaning up Humane Society
 - Humane Society had a minor issue, so assisted the Dept. for the Aging with delivering Home Delivered Meals.
- 5/19/17 Free Family Movie Night
 - Handed out posters to distribute
- 5/22/17 free luncheon. Poverty simulation – Catskill Elks invitations will be sent
 - See attached flyer for anyone that is interested.
- Weatherization Program is up and running.

Dorothy True Cairo Area Representative: NA

Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground: NA

Meeting was adjourned by Richard Golden & seconded by Barbara Lindsay @ 2:48 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 @ 2:00 PM Greene County Staff Training Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS