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WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTIES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: July 20, 2022

LOCATION: VIRTUAL

ATTENDANCE: Rose Ann O'Rourke, Deanna Park, Ginelle Jones, Ed Capazzuti, Christian Hanchett,
Tammie DeLorenzo, Trish McKinney, Denise DiResta, Erica Mahoney, Betsy Bain, Abigail Eichler

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 11:05AM

MINUTES: Accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Staffing Updates
 - Created Services Assistant #3 (November) – Stephanie Belden started on 4/4/22 and comes to us from Greater Glens Falls Senior Center;
 - Typist Position Deleted and Services Assistant Position Created – Sherry Hanchett started 4/11/2022 and comes to us from Warren County DSS (Jami is no longer with us);
 - Meal Site Cook – Indian Lake, Kellie Aldous started 11/29/22;
 - Meal Site Cook – Cedars, Janet Newell started 4/11/22;
 - Meal Site Cook – Long Lake, 25 hours week;
 - Meal Site Manager – Chestertown, 20 hours week;
 - Food Service Helper – Cedars, 30 hours week, utilizing subs to cover;
2. Meal Site Updates –
 - Warrensburg Meal Site was re-opened on November 30th ;
 - Lake George route is still receiving Mom's Meals due to not having a volunteer driver. Looking for driver for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays;
 - Congregate Sites are open three days a week, with the exception of Cedars, Warrensburg, Chestertown, Solomon Heights and First Presbyterian. We will continue to add additional days and open the above mentioned meal sites as staffing allows.;
3. Senior of the Year – Have Zero Submissions for Hamilton County, Two for Warren County. Nominations are due April 29th. Nominations can be sent to parkd@warrencountyny.gov
4. Medical Transportation Program (coordinated through OFA)
 - Hamilton County has started again;
 - Warren County will be starting soon;
 - Sherry will be handling this program going forward;
 - RSVP Warren/Washington County – Have a contract with to assist us with providing medical transportation for Warren County seniors;
 - GoGo Grandparent – Similar to Uber or Lyft, but for seniors. Washington County has a contract with them, but they are having difficulty.
5. COMPASS Assessments – When COVID started, these were changed from in-person to over the phone. OFA staff will start conducting in-home assessments on HDM clients when they begin meals and annually. This will be done based on each clients comfort level due to COVID.
6. Food & Supply Chain Concerns – We continue to have some issues with obtaining food and supplies for the meal sites but are managing. OFA initiated conversations with the towns that operate the meal sites to see if they would be interested in entering into an MOU, if needed, to take this over.
7. Animatronic Pets – Should be receiving more cats and some birds, hopefully late spring, early summer.

8. HDM Survey – OFA sent out a satisfaction survey in the Spring issue of the newsletter for clients and will also be completing these with clients when conducting COMPASS assessments and six month phone calls.
9. Partnership with ILCHV (Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley) – Keane Jones is utilizing an office in our building.
10. Advisory Council Elections – Nominations for chairperson and vice chairperson due May 31st to parkd@warrencountyny.gov and will be voted on at July 20th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. Staffing Updates
 - i. Meal Site Cook – Long Lake, 25 hours week
 - ii. Meal Site Manager – Chestertown, 20 hours week
 - iii. Food Service Helper – Cedars, 30 hours week, utilizing subs to cover
 - iv. Meal Site Manager – Warrensburg, 30 hours week;
12. Meal Site Updates –
 - i. Lake George route is still receiving Mom’s Meals due to not having a volunteer driver. We need a driver to deliver on Fridays.
 - ii. Warren County Congregate Sites are open three days a week, with the exception of Warrensburg, Chestertown, Solomon Heights and First Presbyterian. Hamilton County Congregate Sites are open five days a week, with the exception of Lake Pleasant which is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
13. Senior of the Year –
 - i. Warren County – Eugene Merlino & Betsy Kagey
 - ii. Hamilton County – Steve Stofelano & Thomas Kurimsky
14. Medical Transportation Program (coordinated through OFA) - Restarted, but in need of volunteers
15. Farmer’s Market Checks – 5(\$5 checks) for a total of \$25 for those who qualify (copy of forms sent as attachments to email)
16. ’22-’23 AIP (Annual Implementation Plan) – Received March 31st, Due April 1st, Submitted 6/28/22 to NYSOFA
17. Advisory Council Elections – Did not receive any nominations. We will reach out to meal sites and senior clubs for interested parties for Advisory Council, as well as positions, and hold elections at next meeting on October 20th.
 - Chairperson** who shall:
 - A. Conduct all meetings of the council;
 - B. Call special meetings as provided in the BY-LAWS;
 - C. Appoint committees with the approval of the council;
 - D. Shall be an ex-officio member of all council committees.
 - Vice- chairperson** shall:
 - A. Preside and perform the duties of the Chairperson in his or her absence;
 - B. Shall perform other duties that may be assigned by the Chairperson.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS REPORT:

Greater Glens Falls Senior Center

- Have Farmer’s Market Checks to distribute;
- Held Summer Picnic on 7/13/22, with a good turnout;
- Hosing Senior Expo on 9/21/22, from 1-7PM at Heritage Hall;

Greater Adirondack Home Aides

- Continue with hiring efforts;

Warren County DSS

- Assistance with electric and gas bills, link below:
<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-electric-and-gas-utility-bill-credit-program-low-income-families>

Warren County Veteran's Services

- Have Veteran's Fresh Connect Checks, worth \$20 (similar to Farmer's Market Checks);
- Pact Act has received bi-partisan support and they hope it will pass soon;
- Jade Sherman is the contact for Hamilton County;

Warren County Public Health

- COVID response continues and there is a new variant that is more contagious;
- Monkey pox update, Saratoga County will have vaccine;
- Have rabies clinics in Queensbury and Chestertown area coming up;

Town of Lake Pleasant

- Joined with the Town of Wells to offer transportation services for seniors, which will allow them to offer more trips at a reduced cost. They are hoping to add the Town of Arietta in the future.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:30AM

NEXT MEETING: October 20th at 11:00AM, VIRTUAL