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**WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTIES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: July 21, 2021

LOCATION: VIRTUAL

ATTENDANCE: Rose Ann O'Rourke, Cynthia Coulter, Ginelle Jones, Ed Capazzuti, Christian Hanchett,  
Tammie DeLorenzo, Julie Smith, Mary Lamkins, Bob Wubbenhurst, Deanna Park, Erica Mahoney

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 11:05AM

MINUTES: Accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. '21-'22 Annual Implementation Plan – Submitted on March 31, 2021
2. COVID Vaccination Wait List Update & Clinic Held on 3/13/21 with Kinney Drugs – WHCOFA held a 1,100 dose clinic for the 60(+) population on 3/31/21 with Kinney Drugs. This was a huge undertaking and we had tremendous support and assistance from many community partners on this. We now have only 10-20 current residents of Warren and Hamilton County on the “active wait list” for the COVID vaccine. Currently 70.9% of Warren County residents 65 and over have been vaccinated.
3. Staffing Updates
  - i. Fiscal Coordinator – Jeffrey Haines
  - ii. Aging Services Specialist Position – Vacant
  - iii. Cedars Meal Site Positions – Currently two vacant positions, Meal Site Manager and Food Service Helper.
  - iv. We are having difficulty filling positions and finding subs.
4. Stimulus Funding – HDC5 \$40,691.00, received which will be split 50/50 between Warren and Hamilton County and most likely be used in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021.
5. Senior of the Year – Deadline Extended to July 30<sup>th</sup>. NYSOFA will have a virtual Older New Yorkers' Day Celebration on October 1, 2021.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Staffing Updates
  - i. Aging Services Specialist Position Deleted and Services Assistant Position Created – Cynthia Coulter started 7/14/2021
  - ii. Food Service Helper – Cedars VACANT
  - iii. Meal Site Cook – Cedars VACANT
  - iv. Meal Site Manager – Warrensburg VACANT
2. Stimulus Funding
  - v. ARP (American Rescue Plan) Act  
SSC6 - \$108,219; CMC6 - \$64,732; HDC6 - \$107,605; PHC6 - \$12,010; FCC6 - \$44,241;
  - vi. VAC5 (Vaccines via the Aging Network) - \$12,097, for Homebound Population
  - vii. ADRC Vaccine Access - \$11,057, for Homebound Population
3. Congregate Sites Re-Opening Plan – See attached letter
4. Supply Chain Issues for Nutrition Program – working on resolution to ensure seniors do not have gap in meals.
5. 2020 Annual Report – See attached Report
6. Farmer's Market Checks – Available at Office or Greater Glens Falls Senior Center, see attached for details.

7. Senior Picnic – Due to continued concerns with virus, planning required, and safety issues, we have decided to not have the senior picnic this year.
8. Senior of the Year – Have One Submission for Hamilton County, None for Warren County

#### COMMUNITY PARTNERS REPORT:

##### Greater Glens Falls Senior Center

- a. Osteo classes are being held in-person and via zoom.
- b. Bridge has started back up on Mondays.
- c. AARP will be holding defensive driving classes on September 14<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup> at the senior center. Typical capacity is 20 people.
- d. Hosting book sale on August 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-1PM.
- e. Continue to have “Drive Thru Luncheons”
- f. They will be having a picnic on August 9<sup>th</sup>, from 12-3PM, cost is \$10/person. Individuals may stay to have meal or bring home. Meal will be hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni salad and watermelon.

##### Bob Wubbenhurst

- a. Discussed 50th Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony (September 21, 2021) Whitehall American Legion Post # 83. [Flyer Attached]

##### Warren County DSS

- a. Reviewed Emergency Rental Assistance Program information. Applies to landlords and tenants, as well as rental assistance and utilities.

##### Greater Adirondack Home Aides

- a. New case manager, Anne, has completed Cader training and is now going into the field.
- b. All referrals sent from WHCOFA receive a phone call. If they are local, GAHA typically proceeds with the screening process. If they are not local, due to aide coverage, GAHA explains this to the individual and determines if they want to proceed with the screening process.
- c. Finding it difficult to recruit new staff.

##### Hamilton County Public Health

- a. No (+) cases in six weeks.

##### Warren County Public Health

- a. NYS Vaccination Site at Sears – will be closing July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Public Health will be hosting clinics at “Take A Bite” tonight in Glens Falls and Friday night at Food Trucks in Brant Lake.
- c. Recently vaccinated homebound client who read about program in our newsletter.
- d. Warren County has been seeing an increase in the number of COVID cases, including those who have been vaccinated. Discussed drafting “tip sheet” to be distributed to seniors. Erica and Ginelle will work on this and WHCOFA will distribute with home delivered meals.
- e. Joan Grishkot, former Director of Health Services passed away on July 8<sup>th</sup>. July 1<sup>st</sup> has been declared “Joan Grishkot Day” in Warren County.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:40AM

NEXT MEETING: October 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM, VIRTUAL