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WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTIES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: April 20, 2022

LOCATION: VIRTUAL

ATTENDANCE: Rose Ann O'Rourke, Deanna Park, Ginelle Jones, Ed Capazzuti, Christian Hanchett,
Tammie DeLorenzo, Trish McKinney, Bob Wubbenhurst, Denise DiResta

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 11:05AM

MINUTES: Accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Staffing Updates
 - a. Aging Services Specialist Position Deleted and Services Assistant Position Created – Cynthia Coulter started 7/14/2021
 - b. Food Service Helper – Cedars VACANT
 - c. Meal Site Cook – Cedars VACANT
 - d. Meal Site Manager – Warrensburg VACANT
2. Stimulus Funding
 - ARP (American Rescue Plan) Act
 - SSC6 - \$108,219; CMC6 - \$64,732; HDC6 - \$107,605; PHC6 - \$12,010; FCC6 - \$44,241;
 - VAC5 (Vaccines via the Aging Network) - \$12,097, for Homebound Population
 - 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

NEW 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.
 - 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:

Bob Wubbenhurst – Bolton Meal Site

- a. Things are going well in Bolton.

Greater Glens Falls Senior Center

- a. Attendance is picking up at center.
- b. Osteo classes are being held in-person and via zoom, Monday-Thursday.
- c. Tai Chi is offered on Fridays, in-person.
- d. Masks are optional at this time.
- e. Continue to have “Drive Thru Luncheons” with spaghetti dinner next week.
- f. Victorian Tea held yesterday. This is the first one in two years and was well attended.
- g. Lawn sale scheduled for June 4th & 5th???. Donations are being accepted.

Greater Adirondack Home Aides

- a. Hired additional aids, which they are hoping with help meet needs of clients.
- b. Hoping to have a FT trainer on board soon.

Warren County DSS

- a. HEAP is still open; Cooling season will be opening soon.
- b. Emergency Rental Assistance Program through DSS is still available.
- c. Adult Protective Services is seeing an increase in financial exploitation. If you have a concern, the County Hotline PH#(518)761-6326 or State Hotline PH#(844)697-3505.

Warren County Veteran's Services

- a. Hired FT Veterans Service Officer.
- b. Agent Orange – 3 new pre-sumptives (Bladder CA, Hyperthyroidism & Parkinsonism)

Warren County Public Health

- a. NYS Vaccination Site at Sears – Open Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays (Pfizer).
- b. Public Health Clinics - Thursdays 1-3PM @ Warren County Human Services Bldg. (Moderna)
- c. COVID #'s are increasing and most likely under reported.
- d. 80% of Warren County population 18(+) has received at least 1 dose of vaccine.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:40AM

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