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WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTIES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: April 21, 2021

LOCATION: VIRTUAL

ATTENDANCE: Rose Ann O'Rourke, Sharon Grisenwaite, Roy Grisenwaite, Ginelle Jones, Ed Capazzuti, Kathleen Hutchins, Christian Hanchett, Tammie DeLorenzo, Abigail Eichler, Julie Smith, Mary Lamkins, Bob Wubbenhurst, Deanna Park

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 1:00PM

MINUTES: Accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Senior of the Year – Due February 26th
2. FFCRA/CARES Stimulus Funding
CMC2- \$17,808; HDC2-\$38,914; FCC3-\$31,761; SSSC3-\$49,100; \$116,743 TOTAL = \$254,326
3. 20% Cut to State Reimbursement Effective 11/1/2020
4. 2021 Budget Reductions
 - i. Home Delivered Meals on M-W-F through 2021; Approximate Savings of \$18,000
 - ii. Changes to Office Staffing; Approximate Savings of \$53,394
 1. Deleted NY Connects Position
 2. Created PT Aging Services Assistant Position
 - iii. Chestertown Meal Site Relocation; Approximate Savings of \$24,816
 - iv. Delete Food Service Helper #3, Cedars Meal Site; Approximate Savings of \$36,643
5. Laptop Borrower Program – WHCOFA received 10 laptops for CDPHP that seniors of Warren and Hamilton County can borrow.
6. Companion Animals/Animatronic Pets – WHCOFA has three dogs and three cats that we can give to seniors who would benefit from them. There is no cost and they do not have to be given back. These companion animals help with social isolation, companionship, etc.
7. COVID Vaccine Wait List & Partnership with Public Health
8. Masks – Still have available for distribution
9. Congregate Sites – Evaluate re-opening in late spring, early summer
10. Medical Transportation Program – On Hold, will evaluate re-opening in late spring, early summer as well
11. HEAP Open Enrollment – March 15th

NEW 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 1st quarter of 2021.
5. Senior of the Year – Deadline Extended to July 30th. NYSOFA will have a virtual Older New Yorkers’ Day Celebration on October 1, 2021.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS REPORT:

Greater Glens Falls Senior Center

- a. AARP Tax Assistance Program has been extended to May 15th
- b. Holding a lot of “Drive Thru Luncheons”
- c. Currently hosting limited “in-house” events, and hoping to start osteo classes and bridge group possibly in May if NYS guidelines allow
- d. Facebook live events have been popular.

Warren County Public Health

- a. Vaccinations – Tony with EMS in Bolton has 30 doses of the vaccine that they will be administering, his contact information is PH#(518)240-6262 or (518)578-0737.
- b. Clinic at Warren County Municipal Center today – Moderna vaccine
- c. NYS Vaccination Site at Sears – Pfizer vaccine

Sharon & Roy

- a. Wells Seniors will be holding their 1st in person meeting on May 26th, outside, following guidelines in place.

Greater Adirondack Home Aides

- a. Finding it difficult to recruit new staff.
- b. Still providing services in the home.
- c. Looking forward to starting the Consumer Directed program with WHCOFA.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:30PM

NEXT MEETING: July 21st at 11:00AM, VIRTUAL