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**WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTIES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: January 25, 2017

LOCATION: Lake Luzerne Nutrition Site

ATTENDANCE: Roy Grisenwaite, Sharon Grisenwaite, Lillian Wood, Robert Wubbenhorst,  
RoseAnn O'Rourke, Deanna Park, Denise DiResta

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 11:00AM

As there were no additions or changes to the minutes they were accepted as written.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Staffing
  - a. Tammy Morehouse – hired as Aging Services Assistant
  - b. Catherine Bearor – hired as Specialist #2
  - c. Kathy McLaughlin – hired as Specialist for NY Connects
  - d. Deanna Park – hired as Director
- 2) Public Hearing for 2017 Proposed Budget – held.
- 3) Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D/Insurance – Served over 369 individuals.
- 4) HEAP Enrollment –Emergency HEAP has started.
- 5) Targeting for Asian Clients – On-going, we still do not have any.
- 6) Wells Senior Social Club – Expressed difficulty reaching everyone or those truly in need.
- 7) Menus - Voiced concern that some seniors do not like the cold plates. Expressed difficulty eating lettuce or that it is hard to digest. Proposed to have Seniors get back to us with menu suggestions, recipes that we can look at with the dietician and possibly revise some of the menus. This will be on-going.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Peerplace/HCS Consent – Still transitioning and learning. OFA will be collecting written consent during each home visits, not just initially, as directed by the state.
- 2) State Audit of OFA will be conducted February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. OFA will have a report at the next meeting.
- 3) Senior of the Year Nominations – Nomination forms were distributed and asked to hand in by February 10<sup>th</sup>. Discussed that Lake Luzerne did not wish to host the Senior Luncheon this year, so the office will be looking for a new location.
- 4) Advisory Council By-Laws – A copy of the by-laws were passed out to each member for review. Any proposed changes were highlighted. The Council will review, make suggestions, and such will be voted on at the next meeting.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS REPORT:**

- 1) Wells Senior Social Club – Business meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, and the Social meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month. The new part time worker at the meal site is doing a good job.
- 2) Discussed benefits of volunteering, not only for those you help, but for your own well-being too.
- 3) VA – Reviewed and handed out updated VA pamphlet, Aide & Attendance information, Identity Theft sheet, pre-needs burial eligibility for veterans and spouses.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:40AM

NEXT MEETING: April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM, Indian Lake Meal Site