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**WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTIES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: October 17, 2024

LOCATION: VIRTUAL

ATTENDANCE: Deanna Park, Rose Ann O'Rourke-Taft, Betsy Bain, Roberta Bly, Ginelle Jones, Denise DiResta, Nina Mastrianni, Beth Hunt, Charles Nelsen

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 11:01AM

MINUTES: Accepted by Ginelle Jones & Beth Hunt

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Staffing Updates
  - a. Aging Services Assistant #5 – Filled...Lisa Pratt
  - b. Meal Site Cook – Lake Pleasant
  - c. Meal Site Manager - Wells
2. Meal Site Updates –
  - a. Warren County Congregate Sites are open five days a week, with the exception of Salvation Army. Hamilton County Congregate Sites are open five days a week.
3. Seniors of the Year –
  - a. Hamilton County - Neil McGovern & Patricia Paton
  - b. Warren County – Valerie & Ray Burlett
4. Annual Report 2024
5. Senior Picnic – September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Warren County Fish Hatchery
6. Farmer's Market Checks

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Staffing Updates
  - a. Meal Site Cook – Lake Pleasant
  - b. Meal Site Cook – Warrensburg, transferred to Johnsburg
  - c. Part Time Keyboard Specialist – Retiring November 14<sup>th</sup>, this position will not be filled
2. Meal Site Updates –
  - d. Warren County Congregate Sites are open five days a week, with the exception of Salvation Army. Hamilton County Congregate Sites are open five days a week.
3. Senior Picnic – Held September 24<sup>th</sup>, there were 100 more seniors this year than last year; Tentative Date of Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> next year
4. Medicare Open Enrollment – Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - Dec 7<sup>th</sup>
5. 4 Year Plan – Due April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, not released until last month.
6. Meeting with State Senators/Assembly Persons Held Oct 8<sup>th</sup> – Discuss growing aging population and need for funding to support this.
7. Fort Hudson Health Systems – received letter that they have closed their Certified Home Health Agency and will be working with Eddy Visiting Nurse & Rehabilitation Association to expand coverage to clients in Warren and Washington Counties.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS REPORT:**

Greater Glens Falls Senior Center

- Senior Expo held 9/25/24 at The Queensbury, over 400 individuals attended;
- Resource Guide will be available December/January;

Supervisor Hunt

- Advised that Lynette Green is the acting Public Health Director for Hamilton County;
- Interviews were held and they are hoping to fill the position permanently in December;
- Supervisors Hunt and Bain will work on changing senior transportation needs in their respective counties;

#### Warren County DSS

- Countryside Adult Home has openings, please reach out to Amy McByrne at PH#(518)623-3451
- HEAP will open November 1st

#### Hamilton County DSS

- Asked if anyone knew more about the Walgreens closing. Will reach out to Association on Aging Director to see if she has any news.

#### Warren County Public Health

- Vaccines available by scheduling office visit, or in the home for home bound clients;
- RSV vaccine not available through Public Health at this time;
- Can contact physician or pharmacies for vaccines as well;

#### Greater Adirondack Home Aides

- Hired new aides;
- Waiting to hear more on CDPAP program and NYS changes scheduled for April 1st

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:22AM

NEXT MEETING: January 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM, VIRTUAL