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WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTIES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: January 25, 2023

LOCATION: VIRTUAL

ATTENDANCE: Rose Ann O'Rourke, Deanna Park, Ginelle Jones, Tammie DeLorenzo, Trish McKinney, Erica Mahoney, Ed Capezzutti, Betsy Bain, Denise DiResta, Tom Kurimsky, Sharon & Roy Grisenthwaite

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 11:03AM

MINUTES: Accepted by Roy Grisenthwaite & Ginelle Jones

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Staffing Updates
 - a. Meal Site Cook – Long Lake, 25 hours week
 - b. Meal Site Manager – Chestertown, 20 hours week
 - c. Food Service Helper – Cedars, 30 hours week, utilizing subs to cover
 - d. Meal Site Manager – Warrensburg, 30 hours week
 - e. Meal Site Cook – Cedars, 35 hours week
2. Meal Site Updates –
 - a. Lake George route is still receiving Mom's Meals due to not having a volunteer driver. We may have a driver for this route.
 - b. Warren County Congregate Sites – Same as last meeting
3. Congregate Meal Rates – Under 60 is \$5.00/meal, current cost per meal is \$14.50/meal. - Council will take the next two months to discuss this, see if the numbers increase with the Grab-N-Go program, and decide at the next advisory council meeting.
4. Open Enrollment for Health Insurance – Until December 5th, call office to set up appointment
5. NYSOFA Senior of the Year Ceremony November 7th - Link sent with minutes.
6. Animatronic Pets – Walker Squawkers (Cardinal and Blue Bird) If there is a senior 60(+) who resides in Warren or Hamilton Counties, please let us know and we would be happy to give them one of the birds, cats or dogs. We will bring a few of the dogs and cats up to Hamilton County DSS to have on hand.
7. Grab & Go Meals
8. Meal Site Training – Conducted on Thursday, October 20th
9. Hometown Thanksgiving – **Warren County Only**, call PH#(518)232-8896 or email: hometownthanksgiving@gmail.com until November 18th. For those that need a meal on Thanksgiving.
10. HEAP – Opened November 1st

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Staffing Updates
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2. Meal Site Updates –
 - f. Lake George route has been getting meals from the Warrensburg meal site since November 30th!!!!!!!

- g. Warren County Congregate Sites are open three days a week, with the exception of Warrensburg, Chestertown, Solomon Heights and First Presbyterian. Hamilton County Congregate Sites are open five days a week.
 - h. Cedars Meal Site Changes
3. Congregate Meal Rates – Under 60 is \$5.00/meal, current cost per meal is \$14.50/meal, suggested to increase to \$7.00/meal effective March 1, 2023. 1 Individual was not in favor of increasing the rate.
 4. Annual Review from NYSOFA scheduled for February 1st & 2nd.
 5. Satisfaction Surveys – Sent out end of December. Will send summaries to contractors towards March.
 6. Transportation Services – Entity who provides transportation for social events in Warren County (Adirondack Community Action), ceased services on January 1, 2023, without any notice. We will be trying to see if we can come up with a solution to this.
 7. Elli-Q – This is a device similar to Alexa, designed specifically for seniors. Seniors must have a reliable WiFi connection and no significant memory, visual, hearing impairments. Will work with different agencies to schedule demonstrations.
 8. Senior of the Year – Nominations due Friday, February 24th

COMMUNITY PARTNERS REPORT:

Hamilton County Public Nursing

- EISEP program is going well;
- Yoga classes going well and they are hoping to start doing this via zoom soon;
- Have a new Facebook page that will allow more interactive/live features;

Greater Adirondack Home Aides

- Had Department of Health survey in December that went well and their Plan of Correction was submitted & accepted;

Sharon & Roy Grisenthwaite

- Sent a card to a lady who just turned 103years old. She was born on 2/2/1920 and is the towns unofficial historian;
- There is a new general store in town that has helped the residents by provided food and grocery items, as well as take out meals;

Supervisor Bain (Town of Lake Pleasant)

- Transportation program is going well and she just recently participated in one of the trips to see how it went;

Warren County Public Health

- COVID Booster clinics are being held weekly and the link is put on Facebook the Thursday before. Individuals can also call PH#(518)761-6580. The homebound should call this number to set up as well;
- CHA/CHIP was submitted recently and the areas identified by the group of stakeholders to focus on were 1) Chronic diseases – education and promoting programs to increase activity, 2) Mental health and 3) Substance abuse;
- Are desparately in need of nursing staff;
- There are two scholarship funds for any students who are interested in going into the nursing field;

Greater Glens Falls Senior Center

- Hosted Senior Expo last September at the Civic Center and they have a guide of resources that was developed from this listing all the vendors and the services they provide;
- They will be hosting a Senior Expo this year on September 13th at the Queensbury Hotel;
- In person events have been well attended at the senior center;

Warren County Veterans Services

- Please reach out to them if anyone has questions on Camp Lejume, Agent Orange or Burn Pits (Persian Gulf War) and they can provide assistance free of charge;
 - In April, they were able to hire another staff person, Jeff Cook, to assist with services
- Warren County Administrators Office
- Reminded others that OFA does a lot more than the nutrition program, in particular insurance counseling.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:50AM

NEXT MEETING: April 19th at 11:00AM, VIRTUAL