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**WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTIES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: May 22, 2019 (Rescheduled from April 24th)

LOCATION: Indian Lake Nutrition Site

ATTENDANCE: Deanna Park, Rose Ann O'Rourke, Sharon Grisenwaite, Roy Grisenwaite, Tom Kurimsky, Robert Wubbenhorst, Erica Mahoney, Abigail Eichler, Ed Capezzuti, Kathleen Hutchins

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 11:00AM

MINUTES: Accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Emergency HEAP – now open. WHCOFA staff are available to help with applications.
2. Senior of the Year Nominations – Due February 8<sup>th</sup> to WHCOFA. Nomination form attached.
3. Hamilton County Emergency Preparedness – Hamilton County has started a registry for individuals in need of assistance during emergencies. Hamilton County Public Nursing, WHCOFA, and other Hamilton County departments will be working on getting this information out there to Hamilton County residents and assisting them with enrolling in the registry.
4. DSRIP Funding Purchases – WHCOFA has utilized DSRIP funding to purchase: 1) night lights, 2) reachers, 3) pill boxes, 4) laminated emergency phone number sheets, 5) car decals and 6) new computers. The WHCOFA staff will be passing out the first five items during outreach events, as well as giving to public health to distribute to clients as well.
5. Advisory Council Elections – Please make nominations for Chair, Vice Chair to the WHCOFA to be voted on at the April meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2019 Needs Assessment – Has been mailed to over 1,500 seniors, as well as providers, hospitals, pharmacies, churches, etc. in Warren and Hamilton Counties. Both Warren and Hamilton Counties distributed this to all current employees, and the assessment was posted on our Facebook page and in the Spring Edition of the newsletter. We hope to have the results at our next Advisory Council.
2. Seniors of the Year – Avis Warner and Lee Smith (Hamilton County); Pat Cianci and John Plantier (Warren County). Recognized at NYSOFA's Older New Yorkers Day on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Will also be recognized at the WHCOFA's Senior Luncheon on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Hamilton County Board of Supervisors will be recognizing on June 6<sup>th</sup>, and the Warren County Board of Supervisors will be recognizing on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS REPORT:**

Hamilton County Public Nursing

- a. DSRIP funding will potentially be used to provide transportation to meal sites and pharmacy, grocery stores within Hamilton County.

Bolton Seniors

- a. Recent water outage due to water line leaks. State has been providing bottled water and it there is currently a temporary fix.

Wells Seniors

- a. Power Outages in Wells – Is there a system to check on vulnerable seniors. Discussed "Vulnerable Population Needs Registry" in Hamilton County. Currently Lake Pleasant is the only town that has returned the agreement. Suggested reaching out to town supervisors to check on this for each individual towns. Also discussed working with local EMS to see if

they could put individuals on a list.

#### Glens Falls Senior Center

- a. May 4<sup>th</sup> – Sound the alarm day in Glens Falls. The American Red Cross went door to door to see if residents needed new smoke detectors or assistance installing such. Abby will mention this in Hamilton County.
- b. Lawn Sale – June 15<sup>th</sup>...flyer attached.
- c. Spring Banquet – Will be at Fort William Henry. Ed will forward information as it becomes available.
- d. Renovations – The senior center is still undergoing renovations. The fundraising goal is \$500,000.
- e. Hearing Impaired Service – a speaker will be coming to the Senior Center in June to discuss free phones for those with hearing impairments.

#### Indian lake Seniors

- a. Inquired about transportation services in Indian Lake – Community Action PH#(517)648-5911; WHCOFA PH#(518)761-6347 (Medical only based on volunteers); RSVP of Hamilton County PH#(518)359-7688 (medical & social); Medicaid PH#1-866-753-4618 (Medicaid recipients only for medical appointments).

#### TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Advisory Council Elections – Held.
2. Menus – Asked if they had heard any feedback on the new menus. No one reported any concerns.
3. Senior Picnic – Will be September 11<sup>th</sup>. Discussed whether or not to have DJ. Okay to have DJ, but should suggested it be soft background music.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:30AM

NEXT MEETING: July 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM, Wells Meal Site