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WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTIES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: November 2, 2022

LOCATION: VIRTUAL

ATTENDANCE: Rose Ann O'Rourke, Deanna Park, Kathy Hutchins, Roberta Bly, Ginelle Jones, Christian Hanchett, Tammie DeLorenzo, Trish McKinney, Erica Mahoney, Abigail Eichler

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 11:03AM

MINUTES: Accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Staffing Updates
 - i. Meal Site Cook – Long Lake, 25 hours week
 - ii. Meal Site Manager – Chestertown, 20 hours week
 - iii. Food Service Helper – Cedars, 30 hours week, utilizing subs to cover
 - iv. Meal Site Manager – Warrensburg, 30 hours week;
2. Meal Site Updates –
 - i. Lake George route is still receiving Mom's Meals due to not having a volunteer driver. We need a driver to deliver on Fridays.
 - ii. 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, with the exception of Lake Pleasant which is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
3. Senior of the Year –
 - i. Warren County – Eugene Merlino & Betsy Kagey
 - ii. Hamilton County – Steve Stofelano & Thomas Kurimsky
4. Medical Transportation Program (coordinated through OFA) - Restarted, but in need of volunteers
5. Farmer's Market Checks – 5(\$5 checks) for a total of \$25 for those who qualify (copy of forms sent as attachments to email)
6. '22-'23 AIP (Annual Implementation Plan) – Received March 31st, Due April 1st, Submitted 6/28/22 to NYSOFA
7. Advisory Council Elections – Did not receive any nominations. We will reach out to meal sites and senior clubs for interested parties for Advisory Council, as well as positions, and hold elections at next meeting on October 20th.

Chairperson who shall:

 - A. Conduct all meetings of the council;
 - B. Call special meetings as provided in the BY-LAWS;
 - C. Appoint committees with the approval of the council;
 - D. Shall be an ex-officio member of all council committees.

Vice- chairperson shall:

 - A. Preside and perform the duties of the Chairperson in his or her absence;
 - B. Shall perform other duties that may be assigned by the Chairperson.

NEW 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

COMMUNITY PARTNERS REPORT:

Greater Adirondack Home Aides

- Continue with hiring efforts;

Warren County DSS/Hamilton County DSS

- HEAP season is open with more benefits & funding;

Hamilton County Public Nursing

- OFA programs at the meal sites have started again (yoga, exercise classes);
- Have been offering COVID Booster Clinics, as well as Flu clinics (reaching homebound & those at the senior meal sites);
- Seeing increase in COVID cases in schools;

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;
- Seeing COVID influx and increased hospitalizations;

PUBLIC HEARING HELD – 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

- An additional in-person public hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at the Wells Nutrition Site at 11AM.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:50AM

NEXT MEETING: January 18th at 11:00AM, VIRTUAL