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NY Connects
Your Link to Long Term
Services and Supports

Delaware County Office for the Aging
Advisory Board Minutes
August 28, 2023
1:15pm OFA Conference Room

- Attendance: Greetings – Meeting called to order by Chairman Outsen at 1:15 pm.
- Regrets: Steve Finkel
- Present: Wayne Shepard, Director OFA, Terri Tweedie, Coordinator Aging Services, Lyndsay Komosinski, NY Connects Coordinator, Will Outsen, Ann Lis E. Glenn, Mark Dunlop, Shirley Niebanck, Peg Hilson, Wayne Marshfield, Art Merrill, Betty Scott, Joe Cetta, Carol Allen
- Absent: Frank Bachelor, Jamie O'Donnell, David Truscott, Stephen Finkle, Heather Warner, Tina Mole', Robert Henault, Eric Wilson, Jessica Baldi, Lara Yambor.
- Approve June 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion by Art, second by Joe Cetta
- Programs & Services
 - EISEP – Expanded in home services for the elderly.
 - Currently 28 active clients receiving EISEP care.
 - Currently 10 clients on waiting list for EISEP services. Discussed cost estimates to support this waiting list.
 - Consumer Directed Goal is to have it up and available in 2023.
 - Paperwork for PCA-2 (Personal Care Aid) position has been completed and is at Personnel waiting for approval. Once approved would like to fill the position as a temporary position for the remainder of 2023. Then change to a full-time position in January 2024.
 - Billing complete through June 2023.
 - NY Connects
 - Since January 1st – July 31st NY Connects has completed 54 Medicaid applications.
 - Since January 1st – July 31st NY Connects has completed 18 Medicare Savings Program applications.
 - *Outreach: Farmers Markets throughout Delaware County at 25 locations (including IRT and the Delaware County Fair).*
 - *At Healthy Delaware IRT: 304 individuals*
 - *DTC (Delhi Telephone Company): 125 individuals*
 - *Delaware County Fair: 1,466 individuals*
 - *Senior Fund Day: approximately 500 individuals*
 - *Upcoming Events: Cauliflower Festival in Margaretville on September 23rd, Veteran's Resource Day on Wednesday, November 1st. at Sidney Elks Lodge*

- *Delaware Opportunities: 121 individuals*
- Link to Life (Connect America)- Terri
 - Currently serving 424 (up 24 units installed compared to June's meeting)
 - 6 pending installations
 - A year ago, the agency had 350 units in the home (up 80 compared to a year ago)
- Medical Transportation
 - Currently have 8 volunteer drivers. Mileage rate is \$.655/mile
 - Billing through May 2023.
 - Looking into the possibility of using bus one day per week for medical appointments.
- Bus
 - Hired a part-time bus driver. Started on August 21st. His name is Bob Moody. He will be working 1-2 times/week.
 - Submitted the necessary paper work to Personnel to change a part-time position to permanent part-time position. This position must will be added to our 2024 budget.
 - May through November bus schedule added trips to Farmers Market: Frog Pond, Pine Ridge (Bainbridge); Carrot Barn and Apple Barrel (Schoharie).
- Shopping Assistance
 - Currently providing Grocery Shopping Assistance for 1 individual as needed.
 - Picking up prescriptions for one individual as needed.
- HIICAP
 - Currently have a vacant position as Virginia Perez has resigned.
 - Victoria and Bette will both be attending the 2023 HIICAP Coordinator Conference in Saratoga Springs in September.
 - Lyndsay and Bette will be making appointments to assist individuals with the 2023 Open Enrollment period.
 - Victoria will shadow all appointments possible so that she can take her exam and begin training for the 2024 Open Enrollment Period.
 - Victoria will become a certified HIICAP Counselor after January 1st.
 - Open enrollment starts October 15th through December 7th.
- Tai Chi for Arthritis- Terri - All four instructors are active. Franklin, Arkville and Historical Society have classes. We had demos at the Fun Day and have had interest from it.
- Farmers Market Coupons
 - As of August 28th 1,020, coupons had been distributed.
 - OFA was awarded 1,000 coupon booklets this year compared to 820 coupon booklets in 2022. Received and additional 200 coupons. Will have distributed an additional 380 coupons compared to 2022.
 - Coupons are worth a total of \$25.
- SHINE (Senior Health Improvement and Nutrition Education Program)
 - Awarded \$108,000 for the 2022-2023 program year (9/1/22-9/30/23). This is to cover three counties.

- The purpose of this grant is to educate to promote healthier lifestyles & behavior to low-income older adults.
- The registered Dietician and SHINE Coordinator oversee the program.
- Did outreach at Farmers Markets in Delaware County, Delaware County Fair, Senior Fun Day, Sunflower Ball, Senior Housing, Roxbury Senior Club, Senior Dining Centers, and etc.
- The display at the Delaware County Fair received a double blue ribbon. They provided tasting and recipe for herb cream cheese yogurt & Pico deGallo.

➤ Senior Council Report

*Delaware County Fair- 8/13-8/19

*Senior Fun Day Thursday, 8/24 at 4H-Camp Shankitunk; Arbor Hill; 10am-3pm. Was huge success. Close to 500 participants at this event. 52 exhibitors; line dancing, DJ; bingo, Tai-Chi; Arts & Crafts, and a delicious bar-b-q lunch by Wilson's and Delaware Opportunities. Drone of the event by Delaware County Planning.

*Sunflower Harvest Ball Sunday, 9/10 from 2pm- 6pm; at Birdsong Farm

*Delaware County Annual meeting 9/18 at Blue Moon SUNY Delhi Golf Course

* Harvest Festival 9/25

*In 2024 will be Delaware County Office for the Aging 50th Anniversary

*Senior Citizen of the Year is Janice Frazee; Contributor of the Year is Polly Dellacrossse.

➤ Elli Q

- Is a friendly presence in the daily lives in older adults.
- Requirements must be homebound 90% of the time & have Wi-Fi.
- Delaware County OFA was originally provided with 10 Elli-Q's through NYSOFA. Received an additional 15 units.
- A representative for Elli-Q was at Senior Fun Day. 15 older adults signed up to have Elli-Q installed in their home. He will provide OFA with the list within the next week or 2.
- Currently have 10 units installed
- Once the 15 from Senior Fun Day are installed, all 25 units will then have been installed.

➤ Vehicle

- New vehicle should be arriving 8/29.

➤ Personnel

- ASR (Aging Services Representative) to replace Perez
- Deputy Director to OFA discussion

➤ Bequest Funds" report

- Need to discuss CD for \$54,271.96 that will be maturing on 9/2.
- Savings Account- \$6,010.63

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Opened</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Bank</u>
▪ CD's:	\$25,958.27	3/4/20	3/4/25	2.35%	DNB
	\$16,039.15	12/9/22	12/9/24	4.75%	Wayne
	\$54,271.92	9/2/22	9/2/23	3.35%	Wayne
	\$26,935.03	8/4/22	8/4/24	3.0%	Wayne

Total \$129,215.00

It was voted to renew the 9/2/23 CD with DNB of Delhi for a 24-month term at 4.9%.

- Miscellaneous
 - Annual NYSOFA Evaluation- 9/27 & 9/28
 - Animated Pets- will be getting an additional 40 dogs; 40 cats and 24 birds
 - Bus Complaint-

- Next Meeting: **Public Hearing October 23rd at 9am at the Hamden Town Hall**
- Meeting Dates for 2023: December 11th
- Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield, Secretary