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## Delaware County Office for the Aging Advisory Board Meeting August 26, 2024 1:15pm OFA Conference Room

- Attendance: Greetings
- Regrets: Betty Scott, Mark Dunlap, Terri Tweedie. Coordinator of Aging Services, Glenn, Ann-Lis (SUNY Delhi)
- Present: Wayne Shepard, Director OFA, Lyndsay Komosinski, Deputy Director, Will Outsen, Shirley Niebanck, Wayne Marshfield, Art Merrill, Carol Allen, Laura Leale, Margaret Hilson, Heather Warner, Joe Cetta
- Absent: Lara Yambor, Robert Henault, Rebecca Walley, Jamie O'Donnell, Stephen Finkle, Romas Bajoras, Tina Mole'
- Approval of June 24, 2024 minutes, with minor corrections with a motion by Shirley second by Peg, passed unanimously

### Programs & Services

- EISEP – Expanded in home services for the elderly.
  - Currently 24 active clients receiving EISEP care.
  - Currently 1 client has requested Case Management only.
  - Currently 5 clients on a waiting list for EISEP services.
  - Consumer Directed- on 6/17 Lyndsay and I met with Consumer Directed Choices
  - Billing- August Billing is for February, March, April, and September Billing is for May and June, July. This will then bring us on target for getting billing caught up.
- NY Connects- Lyndsay – had a July 14 event and had a table at the Fair where they had 1500 inquiries.
- Farmers Market Coupons – Lyndsay – had 1200 coupons with about 100 left. We have until September 30<sup>th</sup> to disperse them.
- PERS (Connect America) – Wayne S. for Terri
  - PERS- Currently serving 482 seniors. We started with 430.
  - 13 pending installations
  - By end of September will have 500 seniors utilizing PERS through Connect America
- NEMT- Wayne S.
  - Currently have 21 volunteer drivers.
  - Bill quarterly. Second quarter billing take place beginning of August.
  - Blooming Health has helped in promoting for volunteers to support the program
  - Possibly considering contracting out NEMT with Get There late 2024. Wayne met with Demetra at Get There beginning of August to discuss the plan for Get There to serve our NEMT program. They requested additional information such as clients unable to serve due to no drivers; mileage reimbursement; number of unduplicated clients.

- Bus
  - In May, trips to the Farmers Market: Frog Pond, Pine Ridge, Carrot Barn and Apple Barrel (Schoharie) started. Going through October.
  - In May added once a month trip to Cobleskill. (Excellent response)
  - Added Middletown: July and August. (not well received) and will drop from the program.
  - Lake George trip in September (available to all seniors in Delaware County)
  - Cider Mill near Cooperstown (October-all areas of Delaware County)
  - Additional Albany/Kingston trips around the Christmas holiday.
- HIICAP-Lyndsay
  - Victoria will be attending the annual HIICAP Coordinator training in Albany in September. The board approved Lyndsay attending as well. Presentations will be given to the Hamden and Sidney seniors. The program runs from October 15<sup>th</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Tai Chi for Arthritis/Bingocize- Wayne for Terri
  - Tai Chi for Arthritis has completed 7 classes of about 100 participants in Delhi, Downsville, Grand Gorge, Harpersfield and Walton. Two were scheduled for Arkville in July and Franklin in September. Bingocize – Completed one in Grand Gorge; finishing the Sidney class the end of August, will be starting a class at the Delhi Dining Center in September. There are four certified instructors. We hope to start one in Walton.
- SHINE (Senior Health Improvement and Nutrition Education Program) – Susan H.
  - The O’Connor Hospital Bassett Board approved an \$20,000 proposal to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables for our food box. With the funding 167 county residents age 60 or older have receiving the fresh produce boxes weekly starting the beginning of July and will continue to receive through September 26,2024. The fresh produce is provided by Schoharie Farms. Delivered weekly to Home Delivered Meals throughout the County.
  - Another organization (DVH) is looking to partner with Delaware County Office for the Aging, hopefully this fall. This will allow the same seniors to receive root produce such as pumpkins, squash, Brussel sprouts, potatoes, carrots, and etc. through. November/December.
- Annual Delaware County Senior Health and Fun Day
  - Close to 350 seniors attended this annual event
  - 51 exhibitors (total 100) Total of about 500 people attended.
  - Planning drone air photo the formation of 50 (for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
  - Congressman Chris Tague, Senator Peter Oberacker, John Cochran, NYSOFA were present
  - Line dancing, DJ music, arts and crafts, bingo, Tai Chi for Arthritis, Wilsons Bar-B-Q, and much more.
  - Despite the rain in the afternoon the seniors enjoyed themselves and look forward to this event each year.
- NYSOFA (Plan of Correction)
  - The Action Plan for the Agency Nutrition Program was approved on August 8, 2024.
- 4 Year Plan
  - 2024-2028 (4-year plan is due this year)
  - Need to do a need assessment. (The Need Assessment was in the July Dispatch).
  - The Need Assessment was broadcast 2 separate days the week of 8/19 through Blooming Health. Excellent response with 700 participants out of 6,000. This is far more of a response compared to years past.
- Senior Council Report
  - Sunflower Harvest Ball- Sunday, 9/15 at the Delaware County Fair.
  - Outstanding Contributor (Arthur “Art” Maxwell) Citizen of the Year (Lynn Hoover and Elfie Anschlowar) to be recognized at the annual meeting at the Walton Baptist Church on September 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. Chicken and biscuit lunch will be served and tickets are \$15 per person.

- Delhi Harvest Festival on 9/21. Delaware County Senior Council will be selling apple products. Apples are donated by Frog Pond. Quilt drawing will take place at 4pm. Donation of apple baked goods are welcomed.

➤ Bequest Funds” report

- Savings Account- **\$6,036.89**

	<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
	\$56,105.47	9/5/22	9/5/25	4.9%	Wayne
	\$28,580.00	8/7/24	8/7/25	4.75%	Wayne
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$132,719.78</b>				

➤ Miscellaneous

- Fiscal – (County Budget, NYSOFA Fiscal) The County budget review was set up for September 12<sup>th</sup> at the regular Finance Committee meeting. We are having issues with the NYSOFA fiscal review, but hopefully will move forward soon.

Next Meeting: Public Hearing October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am at the Hamden Town Hall

Adjourned the meeting at 2:06 pm with a motion by Will and second by Wayne

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield, Secretary