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Delaware County Office for the Aging
Advisory Board Minutes
April 28, 2025
1:15pm OFA Conference Room

- Attendance: Greetings
- Present: Wayne Shepard, Director OFA, Will Outsen, Shirley Niebanck, Wayne Marshfield, Art Merrill, Carol Allen, Joe Cetta, Rebecca Walley, Lyndsay Komosinski, Deputy Director, Tina Mole', Robert Henault, Betty Scott, Glenn, Ann-Lis (SUNY Delhi), Margaret "Peg" Hilson, Laura Leale.
- Regrets: Terri Tweedie, Coordinator of Aging Services, Heather Warner
- Absent: Romas Bajoras, Mark Dunlap
- Approved January 27, 2025 meeting minutes.

Programs & Services:

- EISEP – (Expanded in Home Services for the Elderly)
 - Currently 20 active clients are receiving EISEP care.
 - Currently 1 client receives Case Management Only.
 - Currently 4 clients on a waiting list for EISEP services.
 - Consumer Directed on Hold until mid to late 2025.
 - Billing- Currently, billed for January and February 2025. This is exactly the Directors goal to be no more than 2 months behind in billing.
 - Shared services offered through Long Term Care (DSS) (4-clients)
- NY Connects- Lyndsay – Partnering with the Catskill Center for Independence.
- PERS (Connect America)- Terri
 - PERS- Currently serving 528 older adults.
 - 4 pending installations
 - Connect America does the installation and encourages testing once a month.
 - The typical cost is \$11 per month with a landline and \$17.50 being the most expensive/month.
- Medical Transportation (Non-Emergency)-Wayne/Lyndsay
 - Currently we have 13 volunteers – down from 27.
 - Bill Quarterly: First quarter for 2025 will be billed in the beginning of May.
 - Will be meeting with Get There on 5/12 to discuss the possibility of contracting the NEMT program through Get There.
 - If approved our volunteers will work for Get There, at the same mileage rate of 70 cents/mi.
- Bus

- Currently the VA bus is being checked over by a mechanic for any mechanical issues before putting it on the road.
 - Will be developing a committee to search for a new bus or van. The only requirement is a wheelchair lift.
 - Will be adding the following to the bus scheduled: Frog Pond & Pine Ridge Store-Masonville; Fly Creek-Cooperstown; Carrot Barn- Cobleskill- see the May Dispatch for more detail's dates/time.
 - See miscellaneous regarding an incident with the bus.
- HIICAP- Lyndsay – In 2025, so far, there is a 14.75% increase. 300 satisfied surveys were returned all with satisfactory results. There are approximately 1000 clients.
- Tai Chi for Arthritis/Bingocize-
- Bingocize classes: Grand Gorge- Dining Center; Delhi- Dining Center; Bovina- Library; One will soon be starting in either Downsville or Walton.
 - Bingocize instructors.
 - OFA was awarded a grant to support the Bingocize program in the amount of \$5,858 through Rural Health Alliance -Cornell Cooperative Extension
 - Tai Chi classes: Trout Creek- Schoolhouse; Deposit; Harpersfield- Grange; Margaretville-Dining Center.
 - Tai-Chi for Arthritis was awarded a grant in the amount of \$7,482 through Rural Health Alliance - Cooperative Extension.
- SHINE (Senior Health Improvement and Nutrition Education Program)
- The O'Connor Hospital Basset Board awarded the SNAP Ed program an amount of \$36,000. The funds are to be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables for food boxes in 2025. Last year's proposal was \$25,000. "Local Roots" produce box distribution (bi-weekly June through September). Plans are well underway. Farmer Ethan Ball (Carrot Barn-Schoharie) is happy to partner with OFA again this year.
 - New, this year is a partnership with Rural Health Alliance and Cornell Cooperative Extension covering related expenses (packaging and delivering). The awarded amount is \$7,830.
 - SNAP-ED will sponsor and provide the exhibitors with tent, tables and chairs for the event. Andrea Martell, RD will promote the 10 Tips for Adults workshops and other nutrition services.
 - Upcoming "10Tips for Adults" workshops presented by Andrea Martell, RD at Trout Creek School House May 8, 15, 22 and 29. Deposit Senior Dining-Christ Church 3pm May6, 20, 27. Livingston Manor Senior Dining, 568 Old Rt. 7, 10:30am on June 4, 11, 18, 25.
- Legacy (Caregivers program)- Lyndsay – Went to a Caregiver Directed Model. Will pay up to \$600 to hire a respite provider.
- Cooling Assistance Program
- Opened 4/15/25
 - Contact Social Service or Delaware Opportunities for details
- Senior Council Report-Margaret "Peg" Hilson
- **Pancake Breakfast took place -3/15 – very successful. Went to a free will donation model and college kids were a great help.**
 - **Big Wheels Golf Tournament- 5/9**
 - **Pork dinner and Pie Auction- 6/10**

- Senior Health and Fun Day- 8/20 at the 4-H camp
- Senior Ball- 9/14

➤ Legal

- Contract with Legal Aid of Mid New York
- Year to date – served 142 older adults- for 4/24-3/25.
- In 23/24 served close to 80.
- Referrals currently on hold due to an influx of referrals and changing of staff.
- Currently, keeping a waiting list. Currently, no clients on the waiting list.
- Contract amount of \$25,000.
- Contract period: 7/1/24-6/30/25

➤ Senior Meals- Patty Warfield/ Shelly Bartow (presentation on the Senior Meals Program & vision for 2026)

- Six dining centers: Delhi, Margaretville, Grand Gorge, Walton, Hancock, and Sidney.
- MOU agreement between Delaware County Office for the Aging, Delaware Opportunities and Broome County Office for the Aging for the Deposit Dining Center has been approved and copy received by Delaware Opportunities.
- Year-to-date meals served as of March 2025- 22,232
- As of end of April, approximately 29,000 meals served.
- Meals served this time in March 2024-21,170
- Served 1,062 additional meals in 2025 vs. 2024.
- Goal is to serve 92,000 meals in 2025 or 7,667 meals/month
- Evening meals started back-up in April on the third Thursday. They go through October. No evening meal in the month of June.

➤ Bequest Funds” report

- Savings Account- \$6,051.80

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Opened</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Bank</u>
▪ CD's:	\$29,193.28	3/5/25	3/5/27	4.0%	Wayne
	\$17,639.78	12/9/24	12/9/25	4.21%	DNB
	\$56,105.47	9/5/23	9/5/25	4.90%	DNB
	\$28,580.00	8/7/24	8/7/25	4.74%	Wayne
	Total				\$137,570.33

➤ Miscellaneous

- Dispatch RFP – Bids to be opened immediately following the OFA Advisory Board meeting.
- Accident/Incident reports- 2 incidents that took place since the last meeting. First, was when the bus driver stepped on the gas pedal and his foot slid under the brake. The gas pedal was stuck in motion. The driver was able to get the bus under control. Slammed on the brake. There was one rider on the bus. The rider hit her head on the grab bar. Her glasses broke and had a laceration above her right eye. The laceration wasn't noticed immediately until after the rider finished her shopping. Rider was encouraged to go to the emergency room. Rider refused. The driver never notified the OFA until late that afternoon, close to 5pm. The Director met with the driver and was informed to notify OFA immediately, and that the ambulance needs to be called. COB office was notified and submitted an insurance claim for the riders glasses.
- Second, an employee had a dog bite incident while the employee was making a home visit. Public Health Nursing Services were notified. The employee was seen in ER. Received a tetanus vaccination and prescribed an antibiotic. Dog was negative for rabies after 10-day confinement.

- **Meeting was adjourned at 2:28 pm.**
- Next Meeting: June 16th 1:15pm in the OFA Conference Room
- Meeting dates for 2025: August 25th, December 15th
- Public Hearing Date: Monday, October 27th at 9 am at the Hamden Town Hall

Submitted by Wayne Marshfield, Secretary

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