

**MORRIS COUNTY
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING, DISABILITIES & VETERANS**

340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Floor, Morris Township

Minutes, ACADV Meeting, June 5, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charles Collins
Pat Giannetti
Robert Hughes
Joseph Leal
Richard Nyquist
Edward Quinn
Sheila Shuford
Michael Vaillancourt

STAFF PRESENT

Tammi Brown
Lucy Cannizzo
Ophelia Cruse
Theresa Davis
Charles Jurgensen
Patricia Petrillo
Patricia Zakrzewski

Guests

Kiira Anderson
Benay Fiore
Jeanette Pearlman

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 P.M. by Chairperson Charles Collins.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2014 meeting.

Public Comment:

A comment was made regarding the concern for the treatment of Veterans in the VA hospitals. It was recommended that action be taken or a statement be made by the County, especially coming from the Freeholders, with respect to the treatments of the veterans in the VA hospitals. A proposal of action can be made at the next meeting.

Chairperson’s Report-

The Division on Aging Disabilities & Veterans staff will be conducting the 2014 on-site monitoring visits. It is mandatory that each Advisory Council Member participate in at least one on-site monitoring visit. A sign up sheet will be going around. Please sign up for at least one visit.

Director-Theresa Davis

- The Division on Aging, Disabilities & Veterans has moved to the Morris View Healthcare Center, 540 West Hanover Ave.
- Two ADV employees have recently retired Jerry Thiel, and Shau-Ying Liu.
- Mary Jo Buchanan has resigned as the Assistant County Administrator, effective June 30, 2014

Office Reports:

ADRC- Lucy Cannizzo

The 2015 subgrants for Older Americans Act, Grant-In-Aid and Peer Grouping have been signed by the Freeholders.

Information & Referral phone calls for April and May are as follows:

- April: 149
- May: 161

Nutrition-Ophelia Cruse

The Nutrition Project provided the following number of meals:

APRIL:

Congregate Meals	10,436
Home Delivered Meals	26,072
Weekend Meals	1,600
Total	38,108

MAY:

Congregate Meals	11,039
Home Delivered Meals	28,816
Weekend Meals	1,600
Total	41,455

June kicks off the Nutrition Program summer picnics. Reservations are required.

Denville	June 13 th	Denville Site
Chatham/Madison	June 23 rd	Madison Site
Morristown	June 24 th	Morristown Site

Veterans- Charles Jurgensen

The Veteran’s Service Office provided the following assistance in April and May 2014

- Number of clients assisted: 130
- Information supplied: 298

A Memorial Day Medal Ceremony was held on May 23rd.

Committee Reports:

Legislative Review – Robert Hughes

The Legislative Review Committee met on May 15, 2014

The members reviewed the following bills and recommend the endorsement of the ACADV:

- Senate, 1353 – Creates State Contract set-aside program for businesses owned operated by disabled veterans.
- Assembly No. 1885 – Increases annual income limitation for senior and disabled citizens' eligibility for \$250 property tax deduction and bases future annual income limitations on annual CPI changes.

The members would like the endorsement on these bills.

The members voted and approved the bills.

Members of the Legislative Review Committee attended the Annual ACT 4 NJ Summit on June 3rd.

Planning & Program Review – Sheila Shuford

The subcommittee met on May 8, 2014 and discussed the results of the consumer questionnaire. Brief descriptions of the listed services were discussed and the committee finalized 2015 funding priorities:

Care Management

Housekeeping Assistance

Home Delivered Nutrition

Respite Care

Information and Assistance

Personal Care

Legal Assistance

Outreach

Community Relations – Ophelia Cruse

The Community Relations Committee met on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 to discuss ACADV issues/concerns which should be shared with the public.

The Committee agreed that information about the Morris County Memorial Day Ceremony should be shared with the public.

Flyers on the Memorial Day Ceremony have been distributed to Nutrition Congregate sites, Senior Housing facilities and Veterans offices.

MCCoOPO- Richard Nyquist

April featured two representatives from the Sunrise Assisted Living. They spoke about the type of care offered, the facilities and the cost of living there.

May was the annual President's Luncheon. The Presidents or their designated representative from all the MCCOPO-membered Morris County senior groups joined us for lunch. Also in attendance were Congressman Frelinghuysen and newly elected Freeholder DeFillippo.

Providers- Theresa Davis

- Effective, July 1, 2014, case management will be delivered by the HMO's, (Health Managed Organizations). As a result all Medicaid cases will be transferred to the HMO's.
- The case managers' responsibility will be geared to the client's applying for benefits and guiding them through the process.

Disability Community Report- Lucy Cannizzo

DAWN Center for Independent Living, Inc., is offering a 16 hour, interactive wellness program for adults with disabilities called Living Well with a Disability. The program is available to adults residing in Morris, Sussex and Warren counties. Participants meet weekly for 8 weeks to discuss topics including goal setting, communication, advocacy, nutrition and exercise. Living Well with a Disability meetings are held at DAWN Denville office. Transportation may be available within Morris County. For further information or to enroll in the program, contact Peter Gimble at 973-625-1940, extension 219 or at pgimbel@dawncil.org. The program is scheduled to begin late September 2014.

New Business- Robert Hughes

A member stated that there is a program beginning September 1, 2014 called MDVIP. The program is a personalized healthcare program that will allow patients to receive the highest level of personalized care. The membership is a set fee to be determined and paid upfront for each calendar year. You may keep your doctor and as a result, doctors may need to reduce their clientele in order to give the proper care to individuals.

Adjournment – A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 11, 2014.