

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING, DISABILITIES & VETERANS
340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Floor, Morris Township**

Minutes, ACADV Meeting, June 13, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joel Aronson
Chuck Collins
Peter Gimbel
Bernard Hayet
Robert Hughes
Rich Nyquist
Jeannette Perlman
Stephen Roman Jr.
Sheila Shuford
Kathy Siegrist
Michael Vaillancourt
Louis Valori

STAFF PRESENT

Fay Campbell, Aging
Tammi Brown, Nutrition
Lauren Burd, MAPS
Lucy Cannizzo, Aging
Ophelia Cruse, Nutrition
Theresa Davis, Aging, Disabilities and Veterans
Charles Jurgensen, Veterans
Pat Petrillo, Aging
Frank Pinto, Human Services
Maria Rosario, Aging
Leanne Scuto, Aging
Renata Stokes, Aging
Patricia Zakrzewski, Disabilities and Veterans

GUESTS

Benay Quadrel –Interpreter
Tom Pappas
Quair Zamdin – Personal Assistant

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 P.M. by Chuck Collins

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2013 meeting.

Chairperson's Report – Chuck Collins

Chuck reminded all that each member of the Advisory Council must attend one site monitoring visit.

Staff Reports

Department's Report – Frank Pinto

Frank Pinto introduced Lauren Burd, the new Director of Special Transportation Services.

The County's major focus is managed care and the comprehensive waiver. The Department is facing all types of ratifications for all of the programs that receive Peer Grouping monies. This amounts to \$800,000 for community services and 3.5 million for the Morris View Nursing Home.

Directors Report – Theresa Davis

May was a very successful month for seniors in Morris County.

- There was Senior and Disability Art show at the Morris County Library
- Living Treasures held their award ceremony
- MCCoOPO held their President's luncheon
- County College had a day long event "Celebrates Seniors"
- Morris County annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Courthouse.

Office Reports

1. Nutrition- Ophelia Cruse

The Nutrition Program provided the following number of meals:

April:

Congregate Meals	11,117
Home Delivered Meals	28,007
Weekend Meals	1,600

Total 40,724

May:

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

Total 41,455

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

Denville	Friday June 14 th	Denville Site
Madison	Wednesday June 19 th	Madison Site
Morristown	Friday June 21 st	Morristown Site

2. Veterans- Charles Jurgensen

The Veteran's Service Office provided the following assistance in April/May 2013.

- Number of clients assisted: 162
- Office mail-outs of veteran's information: 141

Assistance is also provided to spouses and children of veterans.

There was a Distinguished Service Medal Ceremony on May 24th at which 14 veterans were honored.

3. ADRC- Lucy Cannizzo

The 2014 renewal applications have been sent out to the agencies that are in renewal status for the 2014 sub grants under the Older American Act and Peer Grouping. The renewal applications were also sent via e-mail.

The agency pre-site monitoring visits have been scheduled for the month of July. A sign-up sheet for Advisory Council members is being circulated.

ADRC phone calls for information and referrals and for case management total 200 calls for the months of April and May.

Committee Reports-

A. Legislative Review- Lou Valori

The Legislative Review Committee met on May 9, 2013 and reviewed the following legislation:

- Assembly Bill No. 242. Increases personal needs allowance to \$50 for recipients of Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income who are veterans or spouses of veterans and provides for annual cost-of-living increase in allowance.
- Assembly Bill No. 1979. Provides \$3,000 gross income tax deduction for certain Taxpayers providing home care for an elderly relative.
- Assembly Bill No. 3934. Requires certain common areas and facilities of assisted living Facilities to be generator ready; provides related tax relief.
- Assembly Bill No. 3962. Allows military member to qualify for resident tuition rate at county college.

The members would like the endorsement of the ACADV on these bills with a stipulation on Assembly Bill No. 3934. While the committee members like the bill, they feel the expense should fall on the facility.

The ACT (Advisory Councils Together) met on April 26th and May 15th and the discussion centered around getting the northern, central and southern committees to work together. Also, the annual ACT Summit was held June 6th where we received an update on the Older American's Act and Sequestration.

B. Planning/Program Review – Ed Quinn

The Planning and Program Review Committee continued and completed the discussion on the funding priorities according to the 2012 survey. It was discussed and requested to leave the funding priorities for 2014 as they were for 2013, with the exception of eliminating Socialization, from the disabilities category.

C. Community Relations-

The Community Relations Committee met on Thursday May 16th, 2013 to discuss ACADV issues/concerns which should be shared with the public.

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

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

D.MCCoOPO- Richard Nyquist

The guest speaker for their April meeting was Arlene Stollar, from the Morris County Office of Health Management. She spoke on emergency preparedness prior to disaster. She suggested to plan ahead in the event of any weather related storm. Keep a full tank of gas in your car, have medications, clothing and important documents ready to go, and to find out where the nearest shelters will be.

E. HSAC- Tom Pappas

The Morris County Family Success Center gave an informative presentation. The Center opened a year ago and is located at 73 Bassett Highway in Dover. The following services are offered free of charge:

- Information about health services for women, children, and family members.
- Referrals to public and private social service agencies.
- Information about safe and affordable housing
- Assistance with job searches and preparation for employment interviews.
- Assistance with interpretation and completion of forms.
- Family activities for parents and children of all ages.

For further information call the Family Success Center at 973-620-9711.

The Program review Subcommittee met to review Morris County's Notice of Intent to apply for federal funding through the Morris County continuum of care for homeless assistance.

The WIB and Morris, Sussex, Warren Employment and Training Services will join with the Morris County Library to present a series of workshops to assist job seekers in finding employment. There will be six workshops, each featuring a different aspect of a successful job search. Dates and time of the workshops will be announced in the near future.

F. Providers- Theresa Davis

The providers are very concerned about the Peer Grouping funding availability in 2014. The agencies are advocating around the State reaching out to other Counties to work together having their voices heard.

G. Disability Community Relations- Peter Gimbel

New Jersey's 2nd Annual Disability Pride Parade and Celebration will be held Friday, Oct. 5, in downtown Trenton.

Adjournment –

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43p.m. The next meeting will be September 12, 2013.