

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

Minutes, ACADV Meeting, November 12, 2015

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tom Clark  
Chuck Collins  
Joe Leal  
Rich Nyquist  
Tom Pappas  
Jeannette Perlman  
Roberta Schwartz  
Kathy Siegrist  
William Solomon  
Louis Valori

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tammi Brown  
Ophelia Cruse  
Charles Jurgensen  
Patricia Petrillo  
Maria Rosario  
Patricia Zakrzewski

**Guests**

Judy Leal  
Michele Picone

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 P.M. by Chairperson Charles Collins, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2015 meeting.

**Public Comment-** We held a moment of silence to observe the passing of member Ed Quinn on October 15, 2015.

**Chairperson's Report-** Nominating Committee elected Richard Nyquist, Chairperson and Lou Valori, Vice Chairperson for 2016.  
Motion made to approve the nominations.  
Nominations approved.

**Staff Reports:**

**Director of Aging, Disabilities & Veterans – Ophelia Cruse**

- The Council is very thankful that Chuck Collins was in attendance and is doing well after his tragic accident.

- On November 9, 2015 Charles Jurgensen, VSO, was presented with “Unsung Hero Award” by the Morris County Freeholder’s for his tireless efforts in assisting veterans with their needs.
- 2016 Agency funding approved by Freeholder’s.
- Medicare “Open Enrollment” ends on December 7, 2015. Now is the time to make changes to your coverage.
- As part of the reorganization of the Department of Human Services our Care Managers have moved to 340 West Hanover Ave. and will be providing the same services at their new location.
- There will be no cost of living increase of social security for 2016.

**Office Reports:**

**ADRC- Maria Rosario**

Information & Assistance and case management phone calls for September and October totaled 669 calls. Monthly calls listed below:

- September: 371
- October: 298

**Nutrition-Tammi Brown**

The Nutrition Project provided the following number of meals:

**September:**

Congregate Meals	11,052
Home Delivered Meals	23,630
Weekend Meals	1,480
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,162</b>

**October:**

Congregate Meals	10,358
Home Delivered Meals	24,929
Weekend Meals	1,480
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,767</b>

The Nutrition Project received its first shipment of shelf stable meals which were delivered to the sites.

**Veterans- Charles Jurgensen**

The Veteran’s Service Office provided the following assistance in September and October:

- Number of clients assisted: 80
- Information supplied: 340

The Morris County Library has a Veteran photo display for the month of November. A Medal Ceremony was held at the Freeholder Meeting on November 9, 2015 and twelve Veterans were honored including Freeholder Krickus

**Committee Reports:**

**Community Relations-Kathy Siegrist**

The Community Relations Committee met on Thursday, October 15, 2015 to discuss ACADV issues/concerns which should be shared with the public.

The Committee agreed that information about open enrollment for Medicare should be shared with the public.

Flyers on open enrollment for Medicare have been distributed to Nutrition sites, Senior Housing facilities and Veterans offices.

## **HSAC- Tom Pappas**

- The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) reported that 600 individuals, state wide, who are currently on the DDD Community Services Residential wait list, will be considered for residential placement.
- The MHSAB reported that a Proclamation was awarded by Governor Chris Christie for Mental Health Awareness week - October 4 to October 10.
- MHSAB reported that Assisted Outpatient Treatment has begun to roll out in Morris County. The program began in October. There are three individuals that have started the program. There will be more enrollment coming.

## **MCCoOPO- Richard Nyquist**

- In September a representative from the NJ Alzheimer's Association spoke about "Understanding Memory Loss".
- In October 2 representatives from the Morris County Municipal Authority spoke on proper recycling of waste material.

## **Planning/Program Review-**

The subcommittee met on November 4, 2015 and discussed what tool the agency should use in determining the priorities for 2016. A survey was recommended and it should include the age of the participant because that will determine which age group needs more services than another age group. Also recommended is to include which services that are beneficial to stated needs.

The budget reduction requested by Cornerstone Family Programs for 2015, will be allocated to the following agencies:

- GIA- \$5,056 Interfaith Food Pantry and Employment Horizons.
- PG- \$27,824 DAWN Center for Independent Living and Visiting Nurse Association of Northern NJ.
- OAA - \$36,843 Visiting Nurse Association of Northern NH and Legal Services of Northwest Jersey.

## **Providers- Ophelia Cruse**

- On October 3, we held an Alzheimer's Conference in conjunction with the United Way, and the Caregiver's Coalition.
- The Interfaith Food Pantry is requesting the following items needed for Thanksgiving distribution: Turkeys, hams, chickens, fresh vegetables and fruits

## **Announcements-**

Fellow members inquiring about Council member Bob Hughes's health update. We don't have an update.

Mr. William Solomon introduced himself and provided us with his background information.

Rich Nyquist will provide us with dates and locations of Morris County Vita site schedules

**Adjournment** – A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 11, 2016.