

MORRIS COUNTY
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING, DISABILITIES & VETERANS
340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Floor, Morris Township
Minutes, ACADV Meeting June 9, 2016 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matt Adamcyk
Pat Giannetti
Joseph Leal
Richard Nyquist
Tom Pappas
Robert Rybak
William Solomon

STAFF PRESENT

Kenneth Brenzel
Tammi Brown
Fay Campbell
Ophelia Cruse
Sophy Jose
Pat Petrillo
Maria Rosario
Leanne Scuto

GUESTS PRESENT

Barbara Anderson
Beth Jacobson
Loretta White

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 P.M. by Chairperson Richard Nyquist, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2016 meeting.

Public Comment

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and their affiliation.

Chairperson's Report - The Aging Department will be conducting the 2016 on site monitoring visits starting June and continuing until the first of July. Each member of the Council is required to attend at least one visit. Please sign up on sheet being passed around.

Staff Reports:

Director of Aging, Disabilities & Community Programming – Ophelia Cruse

- Introduction of our newest member of our staff Sophy Jose, Fiscal Accountant.
- Our Department will be holding a Public Hearing on June 17, 2016 at the Roxbury Nutrition Site in Succasunna, to discuss the spending plan for the 2017 Area Plan Grant. Enclosed memo.
- We also will be conducting our 2016 Monitoring from June through July 1st. We will make visits to all the Providers that receive grant money from Morris County to make sure they are in compliance fiscally and administratively. Also this year Cornerstone Family Programs is offering different programs to the senior in Morris County (see attached).

**Office Reports:
Veterans- Ken Brenzel**

I participated in a week long National Veteran Service Officers accreditation course in South Carolina.

The following was provided from April 1, - June 9, 2016:

- 450 Phone calls
- 74 office visits
- 3 offsite Veteran Outreach programs
- 1 onsite Veteran Outreach program: May 9, 2016 Free legal clinic
- 2 offsite Veteran assistance organization meetings
- 2 Distinguished Medal ceremonies were held and honored 27 veterans
- A Memorial Day Ceremony in support of Charles Jurgensen, the former MCVSO that retired in April 2016
- Over 25,000 United States flags were distributed throughout Morris County to Veterans' organizations and cemetery representatives to decorate Veterans graves.

ADRC- Maria Rosario

Information & Assistance, and Case Management calls were:

- April 212
- May 260

Nutrition-Tammi Brown

The Nutrition Project provided the following number of meals:

APRIL:

Congregate Meals	8,045
Home Delivered Meal	24,158
Weekend Meals	1,800
Total	34,003

MAY:

Congregate Meals	8,151
Home Delivered Meals	24,028
Weekend Meals	1,440
Total	33, 619

June kicks off the Nutrition Program summer picnics. Reservations are required for congregate members to attend.

Denville	June 10th	Denville Site
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Reservations are required in advance.

Committee Reports:

Community Relations- Rich Nyquist

The Committee met on May 27, 2016 to discuss ACADV issues/concerns which should be shared with the public.

The Community Relations Committee discussed the following topics:

- The Annual Memorial Day Recognition Program
- The Zufall Dental Clinic van for veterans
- The Morris County Bar Association for veterans

Flyers and brochures on information for the Annual Memorial Day Recognition Program, the Zufall Dental Clinic Van for Veterans and the Morris County Bar Association for Veterans have been distributed to Nutrition Congregate sites, Senior Housing facilities and Veterans organizations.

Legislative Review- Rich Nyquist

The Legislative Review Committee met on May 5, 2016.

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

- Assembly, No. 986 – Makes annual compensation paid to surviving spouses of certain blind or disabled veterans' payable from date of veterans' death.
- Assembly, No. 1345- Provides enhanced penalties for certain crimes when victim is 65 years of age or older, or disabled.
- Senate, No. 1083 – Increases income limitation to receive senior and disabled citizens' property deduction to \$15,000.
- Senate, No. 1525- Establishes \$250 qualified caregiver rebate program.

A copy of the bills will be provided to the Chairman.

HSAC-Tom Pappas

- The Morris, Sussex, Warren HIV Advisory held a brainstorming session on how to best utilize the County Website. The subcommittee came up with several suggestions and ideas and are working with county staff to implement a few changes in the next month. These advisory meetings rotate between New Jersey AIDS Services, Zufall Health Center and Hope House. All are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be June 21 at Hope House at 11:00 a.m.
- The County Resource and Referral Agency, Child & Family Resources, reported that there is no waiting list for child care subsidies. The Agency is serving all eligible applicants and receives approximately 30 new applications for child care subsidies a week.
- The Workforce Development Board reported that Sean Hendricks, Department of Labor Business Representative in Morris County, reported that one or two positive recruitments per week are hosted by the Randolph One-Stop Career Center. Positive recruitment is an employer specific recruiting, pre-screening, and hiring event that uses all One-Stop Career Center resources to assist businesses in reaching staffing goals.
- The MC Chosen Board of Freeholders and the MC Department of Human Services is hosting the 22nd Annual Forum for Consumers and Families entitled "Many Faces of Recovery: Stigma Revisited" on Tuesday, June 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the Haggerty Center, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave., Morristown, N.J. 07960. The Program is open to individuals and their families who have been involved with or want to learn more about the Morris County's publicly-funded human services. This year's theme is stigma revisited and at this event the Morris County Stigma Free Communities initiative will be announced. The Mental Health Addictions Services Advisory Board is seeking public comment on services and unmet needs in order to strengthen the county's services. Agency and government officials will be on hand to address the public's questions and comments. All are welcome to attend. Further information may be obtained by calling the Morris County Mental Health Administrator, Laurie Becker, at 973-285-6852.

MCCoOPO - Rich Nyquist

- Guest speaker in April was Mike Campa of Brightview of Randolph (independent and assisted living facility), who provided a brochure describing the needs/wants of anyone living at the facility.
- On May 20th we held our Presidents' Luncheon and Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen joined us.
- We also have collected 59 pounds of foodstuff for the Interfaith Food Pantry.

Planning/Program Review- Matthew Adamczyk

The subcommittee met on May 12, 2016 and discussed the results of the consumer questionnaire. A brief description of the listed services were discussed and the committee finalized 2017 funding priorities as follows:

- Housekeeping Assistance**
- Transportation**
- Home Delivered Meals**
- Home Health Aides**
- Residential Maintenance**
- Friendly Visiting**
- Case Management**
- Recreation and Socialization**
- Food Pantry**
- Adult Day Care**

ZUFALL HEALTH CENTER: Budget Modification: For 2016

The proposed change is to Increase the unit cost for the Intensive Senior Support Program from \$41.15 to \$74.79 per hour, due to the cost and time associated with setting up the program was not initially factored into the unit cost.

Agency also wants to decrease the Level of Service (LOS) for Intensive Senior Support from 1,403 hours to 1,000 hours. The ISS program expects to serve 20 patients.

A motion is needed to make the adjustment requested above for Zufall Health Center. It was accepted and approved by Council members.

Providers- Ophelia Cruse

Cornerstone has made some changes in the programs they offer in Morris County Adult Day Care, Memory Lane, Morris View Health Center Social Network Caregiver Outreach, and Caregiver Initiative. (attached flyer describes each program).

Announcements-

- Introduction of Bob Rybak our newest Advisory Council member attending his first meeting.
- And welcome to Barbara Anderson and Loretta White form the Randolph Senior Club.
- Charles Jurgensen is going to be receiving an award at the Parsippany Council Meeting on June 21, 2016 at the Council Chambers in Parsippany.

Adjournment – A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 8, 2016.