

WASHINGTON COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES  
June 4, 2018

The Washington County Office for the Aging Advisory Council met on June 4, 2018 at the Hebron United Presbyterian Church in Hebron, New York. The meeting was called to order and the previous minutes were approved. In attendance: Sharon Dunn, Max McDonnell, Gerald Foelsch, Judith Stevens, Gretchen Stark, Investigator Mike McWhorter, Jodie Smith, Patty Hunt, Mindy Dudley and Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell.

**Program Updates**

- Our 2017 Annual Report was presented to the Board of Supervisors in March. Gina went through the report and highlighted some of the programs. She suggested that it be used as a reference. The report is also available on our website.
- Gina went over the Department of Social Services and Office for Aging - Memorandum of Understanding and the organization chart. The organizational chart gives a snapshot of what we look like as a department.
- Gina gave an overview of the Legal Services Initiative (LSI). The LSI is a pilot program through NYSOFA and they have partnered with Southern Adirondack Independent Living Center. This program serves all ages and populations and are free at the Greenwich Library each month. If anyone has any suggestions regarding topics, please submit them to Gina.
- Update regarding Warren/Hamilton County meals. Warren/Hamilton County decided they didn't want to sub-contract their meals out and wanted to keep it the same.
- Budget Update – Gina went over the state and federal budget. It was a huge win for aging programs with an increase in funds. Areas that increased included: Title IIIB, Title C, Title IIIE and Title IIID. The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP aka HIICAP) was reinstated. This is the largest budget increase to Aging programs since 2010.
- Jodie Smith from Department of Social Services and Investigator Mike McWhorter from the Sheriff's Department joined our meeting and discussed Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Investigator McWhorter went over some recent scams as well.

**Recent Events**

- March is Nutrition Month – the importance of good nutrition.
- The spring luncheon was held on 4/13/18 and approximately 150 people attended.
- Argyle Senior Dinner Theatre approximately 105 people attended.
- April was Volunteer Recognition Month – a celebration was held at each dining site.
- Older American's Month – May was Older American's month and a celebration was held at the Kingsbury Firehouse on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Events**

- State Senior of the Year - The Board of Supervisors will recognize Dolores Mullen and Joseph Wright on June 15<sup>th</sup> as Washington County's state Senior of the Year.
- Gina went over the upcoming "Pop Up" events.
- Citizen Preparedness Corps – Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Greenwich VFW on 63 Abeel Ave in Greenwich, New York.
- Senior Picnic – Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Easton, New York.
- October is the Fall Festival – we are seeking local vendors.
- Council of Seniors Luncheon – Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Hartford Firehouse.

**Open Discussion**

- Members shared their upcoming events and fundraisers.
- The salad bar lunches were successful.
- Journaling and Sketching program is a free workshop and will continue until June 21<sup>st</sup> and then will resume in the fall.
- Sharon inquired about the Salem Transportation Program. Gina said that it wasn't available anymore but would check and make sure that was accurate and get back to the group. ***Update: Gina verified that Salem no longer has their transportation bus that was given to them years ago.***

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and that motion was seconded.

Next meeting is September 10, 2018 at 10am at AJ's Fine Food & Spirits – 72 Quaker Street in Granville, New York. Everyone will be responsible for the cost of their own refreshments.