

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

April 12, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matthew Adamczyk
Barbara Anderson
Thomas Clark
Robert Hughes
Joseph Leal
Marc Molde
Richard Nyquist
Tom Pappas
Bruce Patterson
Jean Perlman
William Solomon
Loretta White

STAFF PRESENT

Ken Brenzel
Tammi Brown
Fay Campbell
Jennifer Carpinteri
Ophelia Cruse
Pat Petrillo
Maria Rosario
Jennifer Van Natta

GUESTS

Ed Barron
Brie Gallo

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:05P.M. by Richard Nyquist., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and passed to accept and approve the minutes of February 8, 2018.

***Motion: Joseph Leal
Tom Pappas***

Public Comments-

Joseph Leal wanted to personally thank Ophelia Cruse for visiting Lyon's Hospital and for the presentation she provided.

Chairperson's Report- Richard Nyquist

- The roles and responsibilities of Advisory Council members were read.
- The membership list (address, phone number and e-mail) of ACADV Council will not be released by our Department.
Any information must be obtained between the members.

Staff Reports-

Director of Human Services- Jennifer Carpinteri

- The Veteran's Clinic is moving up to Morris View in May. And Ken's office is moving also. More to come on that.
At the last meeting I promised I would someone from Morris View to a meeting to address your questions/concerns. Brie Gallo, is here today on behalf of Allaire. She brings a lot of different talents to the continuum of care at Morris View.
I would like you to get to know her.

Hi, I am Brie Gallo, Vice President of Operations for Allaire Health Services, at Morris View that we recently acquired.

We are working hard to recognize the needs of the elderly in Morris County, and it seems to be apparent that mental health is a big issue.

We have a 52 bed secured unit and we petitioned the State for a specialized license to receive 12 SCNF (Special Care Nursing Facility) behavioral beds and we received 6. This license is for long term care, but we desire it not to be indefinite program. We want to discharge them to regular traditional nursing care or lower level or back to the Community.

We also want to be a resource for Greystone, because of overcrowding, and educate the staff and residents.

We want Morris View to partner with Morris County and HOPE 1 to go out and assist these people, and have placement for them.

Jenn Carpinteri, added that patients with dementia/alzheimers is on the rise and with that comes behavioral needs. The acquiring of these beds is to provide the continuum at Morris View.

The traditional nursing home care at Morris View remains the same, but they are enhancing some services.

W.S. Is there an age limit?

B.G. The State determines that, but in my research there is none.

If approved I would like to focus on over 60.

**Director of Aging, Disabilities, and Community
Programming -Ophelia Cruse**

- May is “**Older American’s Month**”, and the theme this year is “**Engage at Every Age**”, emphasizes that you are never too old (or young) to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental, and emotional well-being.
- Please be aware that new Medicare cards will be generated replacing social security numbers with random numbers to all recipients. This should be completed on or around April, 2019. They will be mailed out, no phone calls.

B.P. Will they be laminated?

O.C. It doesn’t say.

R.N. Will the County College hold “Senior Day” this year?

O.C. No, there is no money for it.

Office Reports-

ADRC- Maria Rosario

Signed copies of the 2018 Area Plan Contract (APC), Grant-In-Aid (GIA) and Grant-In-Aid Senior Support (GIASS) sub-grants have been received from the providers and have been signed by the Freeholder Director.

Information & Assistance and Case Management phone calls for January, February and March 2018 totaled 1,844 calls. Monthly calls listed below:

January: 790
February: 619
March: 435

Nutrition- Tammi Brown

The Nutrition Project provided the following number of meals:

JANUARY:

Congregate Meals	6,226
Home Delivered Meals	23,754
Weekend Meals	1,392
Total	31,372

FEBRUARY:

Congregate Meals	5,875
Home Delivered Meals	19,118
Weekend Meals	938
Total	25,931

MARCH:

Congregate Meals	5,892
Home Delivered Meals	22,043
Weekend Meals	1,931
Total	29,866

Veterans- Ken Brenzel

- 960 veteran related telephone calls made/received.
- 1782 veteran issue related emails & faxes sent/received.
- 149 Office visits with veterans, re: VA Claims, various social issues/problems.
- 82 VA Claims or Intent to File Claims, VA forms, records requests submitted.
- 85 Referrals made.
- 14 Off-Site: Training, meetings (committee, event, vet organization), out-reach.
- 3 home visits to disabled veterans regarding VA claims.
- 330 individual veterans assisted.

Committee Reports- Jean Perlman

The Community Relations Committee met on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 to discuss ACADV issues/concerns, which should be shared with the public.

The Committee Relations discussed the following topics:

- New Medicare cards are being issued, replacing social security numbers. They will be mailed out....no phone calls. Completion is expected April 2019.
- May is Older Americans month and the theme is, **Engage at Every Age**, emphasizes that you are never too old(or young) to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It also celebrates the many ways in which older adults make a difference in our communities.
- The Veteran's Clinic and the Veteran's Service Office is moving to Morris View Healthcare Center, 540 West Hanover Ave, Morris Township, N.J.
- A grand opening is expected in April (TBD).
 - ❖ **Jenn Carpinteri announced above the move will be in May.**

Legislative Review- Ken Brenzel

The Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 and reviewed the following bills and recommend the endorsement of the ACADV:

- **Assembly No. 196**- Requires DHS to ensure distribution to senior citizens of notice from Division of Consumer Affairs about risks & fraud prevention.
- **Assembly No. 563**- Establishes pilot project to permit voters in military service on active duty, & their eligible family members to vote in certain elections using the Internet.
- **Assembly No. 1516**- Increases annual income for senior & disabled citizens' eligibility for \$250 property tax deduction and bases future annual income limitations on annual CPI changes.

#563 concerns/questions

One member had concerns about the voter's integrity, (Russian hacking) and the timing not being great. The member was over-ruled because it is a pilot program.

R.N. *The voting is done now via U.S. Mail?*

R.H. Yes.

B.P. Is this limited to only the military, or contractors also?

K.B. Yes, military personnel and family members, there was no mention of Contractors.

**Motion: Matt Adamczyk
Tom Pappas**

Disability Community Report- Marc Molde

- DAWN has hired a new care manager, Erica Moreno, to handle Morris County referrals. She had hoped to attend today, but had a prior commitment.
- On April 29th we are hosting "Family Fun Day", held at Central Park, Morris

MCCoOPO- Richard Nyquist

- Speaker Dr. Tom Miller presented a program on osteoporosis, discussing identification, population, and prevention.
- Our speaker in March, Eric Goldberg of the Goldberg Law Group spoke at great length on trusts and Medicaid. He emphasized the importance of having all documents ready before the need arises.

Providers- Ophelia Cruse

- All Morris County Provider's have been invited to attend a forum " 2018 Agency Summit", June 13^{yh}, Vision Loss Alliance 155 Morris Ave., Ste 2, Denville NJ. All providers will showcase what they do, what they know and who they service. RSVP by June 6th.
- Area Plan Contract 2019-2021 is coming up.
- In conjunction with Behavioral Health, June 8, Fire & Police Academy, we will have a "funding session". All Providers are invited. We will discuss our funding streams, and the process of applying for the funding.
We request our Advisory head to attend.

Planning/Program Review. Matthew Adamczyk

The subcommittee met on March 28, 2018 and discussed the results received on "The 2018 Needs Assessment Survey" for the funding priorities. Three thousand copies were distributed to providers, care managers and nutrition sites, to be given to their consumers for ranking. Over 220 responses were received. The highest-ranking priorities are listed below:

1. Transportation
2. Home Delivery Meals
3. Certified Home Health Aide
4. Caregivers Services
5. Physical Activity, Exercise
6. Information & Assistance

7. Seniors Centers/Congregate Dining
8. Adult Day Care
9. Socialization and Recreation Activities
10. Housekeeping

All services are very valuable to consumers but the rankings above are considered most important to consumers who wish to remain in their homes for as long as possible.

M.R. The number one concern is transportation around the County. We have the money, but we don't have providers to apply.

Jenn Carpinteri- Kudos to Ophelia for MAPS. She heads the transportation for Human Services. We often discuss transportation possibilities for seniors and all populations we serve. It's funding and providers.

Ophelia Cruse- One of the purposes of the unified funding session, is so the Provider's can hear the Advisory Boards priorities in the Community.

B.A. Many towns have their own transportation. Can they apply for grants?

O.C. Yes, Roxbury, 5 town DAR, and Chatham, Jefferson Twp.

J.C. To be considered one has to apply.

R.H. It seems to a broad scope. Do they want to be picked up at home/or bus stop.

O.C. MAPS does door to door, curb to curb service.

R.H. How do you define the need?

O.C. Prioritized, medical needs come first. I also have a small grant for the veterans to be picked up at their home and take them to Lyons, and East Orange. We pick up 4 – 5 veterans to go to one of these locations.

B.P. Are applications for this online?

Yes.

Announcements-

K.B. Our free Spring 2018, Free Legal Clinic and Resource Expo for veterans in conjunction with the Morris County Bar Association, Clerks office free I.D, Cards, April 27, Morristown Town Hall, South St. Morristown.

MAPS is providing free transportation.

Ophelia announced her retirement effective May 31, 2018.

Public Comments-

Private citizen/veteran and Ed Barron, voiced his concern for housing in Morris County. He has been on a waitlist for 10 years. I was in a lottery 2 years ago, for 53 new units in Denville, and I am #300. There is no subsidized housing available. Is the County doing anything?

J.C. Homelessness is systemic issue. We are very much aware of it. Our Continuum of Care (COC), is working to strategize and restructure to meet the needs. We do have subsidized housing vouchers, but the housing is not available that will accept them. Do you know Russ Hall, of the Housing Alliance? They have a new "landlord awareness campaign".

I will forward the info to this Council. We want to educate landlords on Section 8. The Freeholder's hearing us and they are listening. **HUD** sets the fair market rental values, **BUT** they just don't seem to understand Morris County landscape, and they don't align.

Mr. Barron also said he was very impressed with our Advisory Council.

Adjournment:

***Motion: Barbara Anderson
Tom Pappas***

Next Meeting:

June 14, 2018

Human Services Building

340 West Hanover Ave

Morris Township, NJ 07950