

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

June 14, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matthew Adamczyk
James Cavanaugh
Thomas Clark
Patricia Giannetti
Robert Hughes
Joseph Leal
Erika Moreno
Richard Nyquist
Bruce Patterson
Jean Perlman
Anthony Romano
William Solomon
Loretta White

STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS

Beth Jacobson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:03P.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 April 12, 2018 with one correction.

L.W. On page one, Director of Human Services, 4th sentence add bring after would.

Motion: Joseph Leal

Pat Giannetti

Chairperson's Report- Richard Nyquist

The Department on Aging, Disabilities and Community Programming will be conducting the 2018 On-Site Monitoring Report. It is mandatory that each member to attend at least one. The sign-up sheet is being passed out now. Maria will follow-up with reminders of the dates.

Staff Reports-

Director of Human Services- Jennifer Carpinteri

- As you know Ophelia retired and we look forward to our new Director, Christine Hellyer, coming July 2, 2018.
- She brings many skills in the Medicaid world and understanding of MLTSS.
- In the meantime, myself and Gary Deneman are available for the interim for the staff.

Director of Aging, Disabilities, and Community

Programming – Maria Rosario

- On June 21, 2018 at 12pm, we will be holding our 2018 Public Hearing, at the Parsippany Nutrition Site, located on Knoll Road (Knoll Country Club.)
We encourage everyone to attend.

**Office Reports-
Nutrition Tammi Brown**

The Nutrition Project provided the following number of meals:

APRIL:

Congregate Meals	6,972
Home Delivered Meal	20,836
Weekend Meals	1,438
Total	29,246

MAY:

Congregate Meals	7,468
Home Delivered Meals	22,314
Weekend	1,422
Total	31,204

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

Morristown June 1st Morristown Site
Denville June 13th Denville Site

Future dates for picnics is available on our website:

ADRC- Maria Rosario

Information & Assistance and Case Management phone calls for April and May 2018 totaled 593 calls. Monthly calls listed below:

- April: 300
- May: 293

Veterans- Ken Brenzel

- Veteran related telephone calls made/received: 505
- Veteran issue related emails & faxes sent/received: 1642
- Office visits with veterans: 108
- VA Claims, various social issues/problems.
 - ❖ VA Claims or Intent to File Claims, VA Forms, and Records Requests submitted: 56
 - ❖ Referrals made; 24
 - ❖ Training, meetings (committee, event, vet organization), out-reach: 14
 - ❖ Home visits to disabled veterans regarding VA claims: 2
 - ❖ Individual veterans assisted: 294

I also have Carol McNeil, assisting me with calls, and escorting veterans to the VA clinic for their appointments.

And, on June 11, Bertha Cornejo-More joined my clerical staff.

Committee Reports- Jean Perlman

The Community Relations Committee met on Wednesday, May 10, 2018 and discussed the following to be shared with the public:

- The observance of May, Older American's Month. This year the theme was "**Engage at Every Age**", emphasizing that you are never too old (or young) to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental, and emotional well-being. And also celebrating the many ways in which older adults make a difference in our communities.
- New Medicare cards are being issued, replacing social security numbers. They will be mailed out....no phone calls. Completion is expected April 2019. New Jersey residents are scheduled for June.
- The Veteran's Clinic and the Veteran's Service Office has moved to Morris View Healthcare Center, 2nd floor, 540 West Hanover Ave, Morris Township, NJ.

Legislative Review- Robert Hughes

The Committee met on May 29, 2018 and reviewed the following bills and recommend the endorsement of the ACADV:

Assembly No. 1418 – Requires lobby security for certain citizen high-rise buildings with high violent crimes.

Senate No. 1406- Makes total property tax exemption for 100% disabled veterans retroactive to effective date of determination of total disability; requires State to reimburse municipalities for reimbursement of property taxes paid to veteran.

❖ Senate bill S-83 was reviewed and set aside for needed changes by Committee.

*M.R.: What were the **changes/ issues** that requested changes?*

R.H.: We weren't satisfied with the wording, and we asked Ken Brenzel to communicate with the Department Heads here to make recommended changes and send it back to Trenton.

R.N.: The way it is set up there is a two year window where there is no indication of eligibility, overlooked. It's effective date is September 11, 2001, and is limited to a period of 15 years from date of discharge for veteran. If you back off the effective date of now, 2018, there is 2 or 3 years not covered. We thought it would be a good idea to reach out for clarification.

R.H. Ken has there been any follow-up?

K.B. No.

R.H. So it's still an open issue.

R.N. So Assembly No. 1418 and Senate No. 1406 will receive letters from the Council with their recommended endorsement.

**Motion: James Cavanaugh
Patricia Giannetti**

HSAC- Jennifer Carpinteri

- On June 21, 2018, the 24th annual Consumer and Family Forum will be held from 5:00pm-7:30pm at the Haggerty Center, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown. The title is "Many Faces of Recovery." Activities are in the works.
- Also at the meeting, Sheriff Gannon came with *HOPE 1* Mobile Outreach van. It is a van that goes out to the Community to help hard to reach individuals with mental health and addictions into recovery services. It has been very successful.
- The New County vehicle, *Navigating Hope* from our Department and Beth Jacobson, Laurie Becker/Sheila Carter HSAC adding services:
 - ✓ Office of Temporary Assistance
 - ✓ Homeless Providers
 - ✓ Non-profit organization

MCCoOPO- Richard Nyquist

- April: Mary Beth Kane from Arbor Terrace of Morris Plains speaking on their facilities and the services they provide.
- May: Our annual President's Day Luncheon.

Planning/Program Review - Matthew Adamczyk

The subcommittee met on May 10, 2018 and discussed the results of the consumer questionnaire. A brief description of the listed services were discussed and the committee finalized 2019 funding priorities as follows:

- 1. Transportation**
- 2. Home Delivery Meals**
- 3. Certified Home Health Aides**
- 4. Caregivers Services**
- 5. Physical Activity, Exercise**
- 6. Adult Day Care**
- 7. Housekeeping**
- 8. Socialization and Recreation Activities**
- 9. Senior Centers/Congregate Dining**
- 10. Information & Assistance**

R.N. : How many were returned?

F.C. : We sent out 3,000, and over 400 were returned.

J.L. : What does housekeeping involve? What do they do?

F.C. : The Hope House Chore program provides services for the following: laundry, light housekeeping.

Presentation-

Beth Jacobson Addiction Services Administrator for Morris County from Behavioral Health & Youth Services, plans and manages public funding for youth behavioral health (alcoholism and drug addiction) and juvenile justice services.

The Council also participated in a question and answer session about substance abuse and its challenges, barriers, and population in Morris County among seniors and disabled.

Jenn C.: When you are thinking of this program, please include veterans.

J.L. Are these services only available in Morris County?

B.J. No, each County has funding for this program.

Jenn C. If the Council interested in participating in the "Knock-out Opioid Abuse", we can pursue it further at our next meeting.

J.L. I know of a veteran in dire need of help, housing, finances.

Jenn C. Is he a Morris County resident? Has he called Community Hope?

J.L. No, Middlesex County.

Jenn C. Ken please give Joe the information.

Beth thanked the Council for their help with the questions and answers.

Public Comment-

J.C. – Anthony Romano and I are discussing bringing a guest speaker, a former marine Kate Germano, author of "***Fight like a Girl***", on November 11, 2018 for the Veterans Day Parade. Are any of you interested if there is a separate venue in attending? She has twenty-year service in the Marines, and has raised the women's standards.

This is not a commitment.

There was a large response from the Council.

R.H. What is her topic?

Jim. C. Women in the military and their contributions.

Jenn C. Our women's Advisory Committee to the Freeholder's, goal this year is "Women's Veterans' Issues." And we are looking for something like this, I can connect you to Gail Pierson.

K.B. If she is in the area for my Veterans Day Medal ceremony, I would like to invite her to attend, and be my keynote speaker.

J.C. I will connect you with her, and see what her schedule is.

Jenn C. What if we put together an Aging, Disabilities, and Veterans "Community Forum."

J.C. I would like to get an idea of what we can put together for her and present it to her. Therefore, she can get a better idea of what to expect and how many days are planned for her attendance.

M.R. Cornerstone Family Programs also has a program to assist veterans in providing resources and services for the readjustment to civilian life.

B.P. The new veteran clinic has some issues: I spent over a half-hour trying to call the clinic. The number I called answered Hackensack Veteran Clinic. The number they called me from was out of order. I called Ken's office and they assisted me having the clinic return my call.

The parking conflicts with the Head start parents dropping off their children.

The distance walking to and from clinic for the veterans is excessive.

Jenn C.

The number one reason for the move was the size of the area, to improve and expand the services offered there.

The parking was designed because it was the shortest route for the veterans. We also have staff to assist veterans from the ground floor to

the second floor. We also have wheelchairs if needed. This will be an ongoing service.

B.P. There was someone there on my first visit, but on the second visit there was no-one.

J.P. The reimbursement for travel from the clinic is taking a long time. My husband has a hard time walking and is blind.

Jenn C. This isn't my area but I will look into these issues.

J.C. If we signed up for monitoring can we receive information on the Provider's, prior to us attending?

M.R. I will send reminders and information to attendees.

Adjournment: 1:20 pm

Motion: Joseph Leal

Robert Hughes

Next Meeting:

September 13, 2018

Human Services Building

340 West Hanover Ave

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