

MORRIS COUNTY
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING, DISABILITIES & VETERANS
340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Floor, Morris Township
Minutes, ACADV Meeting
February 8, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matthew Adamczyk
Jim Cavanaugh
Thomas Clark
Patricia Giannetti
Richard Nyquist
Jeannette Perlman
Bruce Patterson
Anthony Romano

STAFF PRESENT

Ken Brenzel
Tammi Brown
Fay Campbell
Ophelia Cruse
Jean Gandolfi
Pat Petrillo
Maria Rosario
Jenn Van Natta

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:09P.M. by Ophelia Cruse, Director of Aging, Disabilities, and Community Programming. Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and Introductions

Nominating Committee

The Committee approved Richard Nyquist Chairperson and Jean Perlman Co-Chairperson

Motion:

Patricia Giannetti

James Cavanaugh

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and passed to accept and approve the minutes of November 9, 2017, 2017, with one correction on page 6. (Fred Knapp is the honoree)

Motion: Patricia Giannetti

Matthew Adamczyk

Public Comments-

Richard Nyquist said there is a \$3,000 State exemption on income for veterans.

Chairperson's Report- Richard Nyquist

- Please read the roles and responsibilities of Advisory Council members and return signed form to Maria.

- Also, each Council member is requested to fill out a biographical form annually, and return to Maria.
- We will be passing around a contact sheet for members to share their contact information with our office staff.
- The ACADV folder you received includes the following:
 1. List of Advisory Council meeting dates
 2. Sub-committee meeting dates
 3. Committee members
 4. Annual reports from ADRC, Veterans, and Nutrition Departments.

Staff Reports Director of Aging, Disabilities, and Community Programming -Ophelia Cruse

- 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.
- The Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program
 - a. Must be New Jersey resident;
 - b. Must be 65 or older or be 18 years or older and receiving Social Security Title II Disability benefits;
 - c. Must have annual income less than \$27,189 if single or less than \$33,334 if married.

Office Reports- see attached

- ADRC- Maria Rosario
- Nutrition- Tammi Brown
- Veterans- Ken Brenzel

Maria handed out the Orientation package to all Council members

Committee Reports-

Community Relations- Jean Perlman

The Community Relations Committee met on Thursday, December 14, 2017 to discuss ACADV issues/concerns which should be shared with the public.

The Committee agreed that the True North veterans program available at Morristown Memorial Hospital providing connections to other community programs, at Newton Medical Center and Morristown Medical Center be distributed to Senior Housing Facilities, Nutrition Sites and Veterans Offices and libraries throughout Morris County.

The Committee agreed that "High in Plain Sight", (Opiad Epidemic training) at the First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains, January 9, 2018 at 7pm., is a much needed training for seniors and residents of Morris County. They suggested a more convenient location and earlier time for future trainings, but will distribute the information to Senior Housing Facilities, Nutrition Sites, Veterans Offices, and Libraries throughout Morris County.

The Committee would like more information on the National Disability Institute (NDI), affordable loans for Assisted Technology products/devices verses Medicaid/Medicare.

Legislative Review- Ken Brenzel

The Legislative Review Committee met on December 14, 2017.

The members reviewed the following bills and recommend the endorsement of the ACADV: Assembly No. 1004- Continues tax exempt status of certain real estate property owned by disabled veterans during reconstruction of homes destroyed by flood, storm, or other acts of God.

Assembly No. 4293 — Requires motor vehicle dealers and repair facilities to prioritize repairs on vehicles that accommodate wheel chairs.

Senate No. 1267 — Clarifies intent of Legislature to protect certain senior citizen tenants: aligns housing age restrictions with federal law.

MR. #1267 can you explain "certain senior citizen tenants". K.

B. The age group from 62 to 55.

Motion: James Cavanaugh

Jean Perlman

Disability Community Report- Marc Molde

- Recent studies have shown that recreation is an important part of many lives in our Community. And thanks to Morris County I have been able to provide 32 programs to our residents in Morris County. Previously I had between 19 and 20.
- Transportation continues to be a major issue in Morris County. The concerns are with NJ Transit and Logisticare (Medicaid).
- I recently read Manhattan, NY, has a program with accessible taxis by using 31 1, text, call, or e-mail them. The difference being they can go anywhere and are not limited to traveling within the borough.

HSAC- Matthew Adamczyk

- As of November 6, the Division of Community & Behavioral Health moved to 1 Medical Drive, Parsippany, NJ (off West Hanover Ave.) For GPS purposes, the address to use is Morris Plains, NJ 07950.
- Sheriff Gannon gave a presentation at the MHASAB on Hope One at the January meeting. There are three components.
 - Hope One mobile outreach — this program involves a van that started going out into the community in April 2017. The van goes to locations throughout the county such as the soup kitchen, community events, strip malls, etc. and helps bring addictions services and education to potential clients, family, others. The van was an old SWAT team vehicle. The Sheriff's Office removed the police logos and government plates to make the van more friendly and approachable. In the van is staffed by a Sheriff's Officer, a certified peer recovery specialist (from CARES) and a representative from the Mental Health Assoc. of Essex and Morris. With the help of this team, they have connected with about 2,403 people. The van enables clients, friends and family to have an opportunity to have a cup of coffee, talk and be connected with services.
 - Hope Wing — Located in the jail, this is a program where inmates participate in recovery services along with employment and education community resources. Human Services is working with Sheriff Office staff to create the program. There are classes on anger management, coping skills, trust, etc. The program has a large faith based component.
 - Identification program — those between the ages of 18 — 54 are no longer able to get a County ID through the County Clerk's office. The county is only giving IDs to youth, veterans or individuals over 55. To fill this gap, the Sheriff's office began offering IDs in June 2017 and has provided 126 IDs since inception of the program.
- Ms. Carpinteri reported on Code Blue. The County is implementing this new legislation although it came with no funding. There is a mandate that municipalities with nine or more homeless people open up a warming station when the weather is very cold. Morristown has opened up a warming station. This is a good start. This is a collaborative effort to make Code Blue work for individuals who are homeless and on the streets during the coldest days of winter.
- The Statewide Point-in-Time Count was held on Wednesday, Jan. 24. Morris County conducted a Point-in-Time count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless the night of Jan. 23. The results of this endeavor, led by local agencies and volunteers, will guide plans to end homelessness.

MCCoOPO- Richard Nyquist

- Our speaker, Mary Beth Kane of Arbor Care, presented an interactive presentation on musical memories. She exemplified the process by talking about memories/songs from her own life and asking the group to identify the song/singer. She asked the group to think of a song and the performer and state what it was about the song that reminded the person of a person, place or thing in their life.

Providers- Ophelia Cruse

- LEAP (Library Equal Access Program) free assistive technology classes for 55 and older residents with a change in their vision.
- Legal Services of Northwest Jersey and Zufall Health Clinic will have a pilot program HEAL (Health, Education and Legal) a collaboration of healthcare and legal professionals. This will be based at 85 Washington St. Morristown. The legal issues will be focused on housing, income maintenance, and domestic abuse.

Planning/Program Review. Matthew Adamczyk

- The subcommittee met on December 14, 2017 and discussed the completed 2018 Survey of Priority Needs. It was approved by the committee, and, as a result, copies will be made and distributed to the providers, care managers and nutrition sites, to be distributed to the consumers for their input.

Unfinished Business-

- Rich asked if the necessary forms were received by the Council?
- Maria: In the orientation packet is all the forms, and the Biographical and members responsibilities must be signed and returned today to me.

Announcements-

- Ken announced the Veteran's Clinic and his office will be moving to Morris View sometime in March. We will have a grand opening in April. (tba)
- Jim Cavanaugh asked that signage be put up so veterans are made aware of the move.
- The "Chair of Honor", presented by Rolling Thunder, represents the veteran that didn't come home, will also be part of our grand opening.
- Ophelia announced our Department will be moving Feb 21st to the ground floor here in this building.

Bruce Patterson asked "weren't they moving several years ago"? I received an announcement from the Clinic, but I was never told it was cancelled.

Jim Cavanaugh thanked Ken for the report he requested for 2016/2017 yearly report for the Veteran's Department.

Ken said there was a drop in home visits in 2017. They are on a need and request basis, so that is a good thing.

Rich remarked calls and e-mails almost doubled from 2016 to 2017.

Ken answered word has gotten around that we are a pro-active office.

Ophelia publicly thanked Ken and Sabrina for their work with the Veterans in the Community. t have received many letters commending them and their efforts.

Mr. Patterson said he also had the opportunity to work with Ken distributing Morris County Veteran ID's. We had such a turn out, we gave out over 200 cards.

Mr. Patterson asked if the Morris County Freeholder's have an opinion on legalizing marijuana, because Monmouth County Freeholder's came out opposing it. Ophelia said she didn't know, but would find out from Jenn Carpinteri.

Rich asked when the next Freeholder's meeting will be held, so that question could be asked? Maria said February 14, in Morristown.

Adjournment:

Motion:

Jean Perlman

Patricia Giannetti

Next Meeting:

April 12, 2018

Human Services Building

340 West Hanover Ave

Morris Township, NJ 07950