

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

**February 14, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Matthew Adamczyk  
Barbara Anderson  
James Cavanaugh  
Emerson Crooks  
Robert Hughes  
Tom Pappas  
Jeannette Perlman  
Anthony Romano  
William Solomon  
Loretta White

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tammi Brown  
Kim Cacciabeve  
Fay Campbell  
Jennifer Carpinteri  
Bertha Cornego  
Christine Hellyer  
Jillian Jantzen  
Pat Petrillo  
Maria Rosario  
Jennifer Van Natta

**Guests**

James Gannon  
Louis Hoffman NJTIP@ Rutger  
Elizabeth Parker NJTIP @Rutgers

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:09pm, by Matt Adamczyk, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and passed to accept and approve the minutes of November 14, 2018.  
***Motion: R.H. & J.C.***

### **Guest Speaker- Sheriff James Gannon**

Sheriff Gannon philosophy is that law enforcement has a duty to act as guardians. He highlighted his program started by his office to combat the opioid pandemic. The Hope One mobile substance abuse recovery vehicle-retrofitted from a defunct SWAT truck, celebrating its 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary April 3. It brings critical recovery services and resources to the people.

The success of Hope one led to the creation in 2017 of the Hope wing at the Morris County Correctional Facility. There, inmates committed to overcoming alcohol or drug addiction confront their struggle through daily programs like relapse prevention, anger management counseling, education, spiritually, family and relationship connections and peer-to-peer counseling.

Other counties have since replicated this idea.

### **Chairperson's Report- Matt Adamczyk**

(Read) Roles and Responsibilities of Advisory Council members. Each member is requested to sign form.

Each member must fill out a Biographical Form.

The contact sheet will be passed around and members can choose to share contact information with other committee members.

ACADV folder includes a list of Advisory Council meeting dates, sub-committee meeting dates and a list of sub-committee members. And, also annual reports from ADRC, Veterans, and Nutrition programs.

### **Staff Reports-**

**Department Director**, Jennifer Carpinteri, announced she is leaving the County March 1, 2019.

### **Director of Aging, Disabilities, and Community Programming- Christine Hellyer**

- We are continuing to fully staff our Division with the following: Nutrition Clerk, Adult Protective Services Intake Clerk, and Caregiver Coordinator. I am waiting for final approval.
- Nutrition sites is also filling vacancies for site-aides, part-time position.
- We are looking to re-establish the Disability Coordinator that the County previously had. The Caregiver Coordinator will take on that role also by mid-year.
- The State of New Jersey has a new initiative with **NJ Save application**. It consolidates several applications with one universal one. **See attached**.
- We held our Morris County's first Commander Summit in January. We met with the Veteran Commanders of the VFW's and American Legions and there was thirty people present. The first year we will meet every other month.

**Bob Hughes** said his post wasn't aware of it. And asked how contacts were made?

**Christine** said it was via e-mail and letters that was updated recently. We also asked the Commanders to help us recruit more members. Some areas we touched on was:

1. Communication sources by e-mail and letters.
2. Munch and Learns; how to advertise to recruit members, and pick topics to be discussed.
3. Veteran ID available at the summit.
4. Employment opportunities for veterans.
5. The veteran's calendar on our website to be more informative.
6. The next meeting is March 19, at the Veterans Office at Morris View.

Matt requested information for his post about the next meeting because they are hosting the next Legion County meeting.

### **Annual Office Reports- see attached**

**ADRC**

**Veterans**

**Nutrition**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Community Relations- Jean Perlman**

The Community Relations Committee met on Thursday, December 13, 2018 discuss ACADV issues/concerns which should be shared with the public.

#### **Phone Scam**

The most recent phone scams targeting residents in Morris County uses an agency number for Caller ID and identifies self as an employee of The Morris County Sheriff's Office, advising them that they have an outstanding debt demanding immediate payment using a prepaid credit card. They also advise that if money is not paid, to surrender to authorities and sometimes provides an address within the Sheriff's office.

#### **Sheriff Gannon advises all residents:**

- Never give personal /financial information over the phone
- Never arrange to meet anyone to provide a pre-paid credit card.

***Morris County Sheriff's Office never solicit methods of payment and/or personal identifiers over the phone.***

**NJ Save** is a One-Stop Application for Benefits and Savings in New Jersey with the following qualifications:

- New Jersey resident
- 65 years of age or older
- Between 18 and 64 years of age receiving Social Security Disability Benefits.
- Certain income requirements ( each benefit/program has income requirements)

**The committee requested the following clarifications:**

**Reduced motor vehicle registration fees- must be 65 and older or persons w/disability \$7.00 less. Owned or leased vehicles.**

❖ **EZ Pass 62 and older 10% savings**

### **Legislative Review – Bob Hughes**

The Committee met on Thursday December 13, 2018 and reviewed the following bill and recommend the endorsement of the ACADV:

**Senate No. 2153-** Establishes grant program for homeless veterans shelters.

The following bills were also reviewed and the Committee decided not to endorse:

**Senate No. 2948-** Requires handicapped parking signs to include non-emergency law enforcement contact number.

**Assembly No. 4427-** Requires discrimination prevention training for certain providers of services to senior citizens.

### **Motion-B.A/T.P.**

#### ***HSAC- Tom Pappas not read see attached***

Mr. Tamayo, New Jersey Department of Human Services, reported that there was a State Department of Human Services Budget Listening Session Dec. 5 in Trenton. Over seventy folks testified. Human Services Advisory Council Advisory Member: Tom Pepe attended and provided testimony on HSAC's concerns related to:

- Broadening support via Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) administered under the Division of Family Development for more emergency services/shelter funding inclusive of Code Blue.
- Increased need for fee-for-service rates for mental health.
- With possible legalization of marijuana – the Department of Human Services was encouraged to not only monitor, but give strong consideration to the consequence of increased public access to legal cannabis use, calling for a response from the field of addiction medicine. Should New Jersey legalize marijuana, it will be necessary for DHS to proactively account for an increased need for addiction services across the spectrum of prevention, treatment and ancillary services.
- In terms of childcare and early childhood education - though pleased with recent increases to NJ Childcare subsidy rates, increases fall significantly short

of the true cost of care/education. To help close the gap between the true cost of care and the state's subsidy more resources are needed to ensure our neediest children have access to quality care.

Ms. Becker reported that Sheriff Gannon has many expansion services happening. The Police Assistance Addiction Recovery Initiative (PAARI) model will be rolling out soon. This model is similar to the Sussex model called Angel. The Hope One has been awarded a federal grant of over \$332,000 by the Bureau of Justice Hope One was selected for the two (2) year competitive grant to plan, develop and implement comprehensive efforts to identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by the opioid epidemic. Hope One, which offers critical in-the-field support for persons struggling with addiction, has made over 5,000 contacts since its inception.

This Comprehensive Opioid Abuse program will help roll out the PAARI. Police Departments will be in a position to offer treatment and services to folks requesting help. If an addict comes in the Police Station, asks for help and has drugs, he/she will not be arrested. Instead, the police officer will have the resources to get the person to services. PAARI will start with a few police departments. On January 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of Emergency Management, the Sheriff will talk to Providers about this program. All are invited.

Ms. Carter reported despite cold temperatures across much of the County and state, the 2019 Point-In-Time Count of Morris County's sheltered and unsheltered homeless begins for the night of Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and concludes over the course of a seven-day service window, ending Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. The 2018 count identified 398 total homeless persons in 287 households; 65 chronically homeless persons, and 35 unsheltered persons (all adults over 18) living on the streets.

#### **Motion-B.A/T.P.**

##### **Providers- Christine Hellyer**

We have several new Providers and new programs welcomed at our meeting yesterday:

- *Atlantic Private Care* has two 2 programs: In home assessments and management and Chore services, one individual twice a year and transportation for clients with the accompaniment of a home health aide.
- *Child Family Services*- funds child care for disabled caregiver services for their child
- *United Way Caregiver Outreach* – information and assistance for Caregivers
- *Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc.* - Mental health in home senior support
- *New-Bridge In Home Mental Health Service*-

- *Employment Horizons Commercial Cleaning and High Wage Training for Employment Program*
- *Visiting Nurse of Somerset Hills- Chair yoga at their Adult Day Center.*

**Mr. Solomon** questioned the above service only 2 times per year?

**Christine** said an example :being a blind client that was hospitalized for weeks had her home cleaned but they also look for foods that are expired in the pantry/refrigerator.

### ***Planning Program Review- Loretta White***

The subcommittee met on December 13, 2018 and discussed the completed 2019 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.

*Maria announced a motion is needed to accept this proposal.*

**Motion: B.A. W.S.**

### ***Announcements-***

**Barbara Anderson-** *handed out an invitationr from Community College of Morris for a Presidents day lunch with the colleges President Tony lacono.*

**See attached**

**Adjournment:** 2pm

**Motion: Tom P/Bob H**

Next Meeting:

April 11, 2019

Human Services Building

340 West Hanover Ave

Morris Township, NJ 07950