

**MORRIS COUNTY  
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING,  
DISABILITIES & VETERANS  
Via Conference call  
June 4, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Barbara Anderson  
James Cavanaugh  
Emerson Crooks  
Thomas Mazzaccaro  
Anthony Romano  
Loretta White  
Kristen Carew

**STAFF PRESENT**

Shawna Bailey  
Ken Brenzel  
Bertha Cornego-More  
Christine Hellyer  
Pat Petrillo  
Maria Rosario  
Jennifer VanNatta  
Rhea Young

**Call to Order**

***The meeting was held via conference call.***

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 P.M. by Loretta White.

*The Council proceeded the pledge of allegiance.*

*Christine called for a moment of silence for one of our Council member that recently passed: Matthew Adamczyk*

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and passed to accept and approve the minutes of April 2, 2020

***Motion: Tom Mazzaccaro/Anthony Romano***

***Chairperson Report Loretta White***

The Division on Aging Disabilities & Community Programming staff will be conducting the 2020 **on-site** monitoring visits. It is mandatory that each Advisory Council member participate in at least one **on-site** monitoring visit.

A sign-up sheet will be going around. Please sign up for at least one visit.

Christine added they would be a virtual Zoom meeting.

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

**Christine Hellyer**

### ***Aging***

The department is still providing services via telephone since the beginning of COVID, via telework through June.

On June 8<sup>th</sup> limited staff will be back in the office, and some on a rotating schedule.

### ***Nutrition***

***April and May*** staff delivered 2 bulk deliveries 3 meals on Monday and three meals on Thursday. They also received 2 shelf stable meals.

**Starting June 8th** the home delivered meals will resume Monday-Friday (frozen & box lunches), and by the end of the month hot meals will be available.

**Congregates** sites will be available for grab and go only or converted to HDM, we also continue to accept new clients for Home Delivered Meals.

### ***MAPS***

Through May was very limited capacity.

### **June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Our staff of 20 drivers will be on the road with limited capacity service:

Mini-vans= client/family unit and or 1 person if assistance is required,

Buses at 50% capacity = if it normally transports 10 it will be limited to 5.

*Medical reason visits and essential employees, and normal rides previously provided.*

*Riders are requested to wear mask for duration of trips.*

***No shelter workshops because they are still closed.***

### **ADRC Report- Maria Rosario**

Information & Assistance and Case Management phone calls for April and May 2020 totaled 504 calls. Monthly calls listed below:

- April: 271
- May: 233

### **Nutrition Report- Rhea Young**

See attached

### **Veterans Report- Ken Brenzel**

*See attached*

### **Community Relations, Legislative, Planning/Program Review- Shawwna Bailey**

**See attached**

The Council discussed the following bills

- 1.** Assembly, No. 709 ***not supported***
- 2.** Assembly, No. 917 ***Motion: Tom Mazzacarro / Emerson Crooks***
- 3.** Assembly, No. 2405 ***not supported***

## **Planning/Program Review- Maria Rosario**

The subcommittee met on May 7, 2020 and discussed the results of the consumer questionnaire. A brief description of the listed services were discussed and the committee finalized 2020 funding priorities as follows:

- 1. Transportation**
- 2. Information & Assistance**
- 3. Certified Home Health Aides**
- 4. Senior Centers**
- 5. Caregivers Services**
- 6. Home Delivery Meals**
- 7. Residential Maintenance & Chore Services**
- 8. Adult Day Care**
- 9. Housekeeping**
- 10. Falls Risk Programs/Physical Activity**

**Christine** added the response due to the COVID 19 pandemic was very low.  
(less than 100 replies returned)

We asked the State if we could do an electronic version of the survey. The State this week approved our request.

This will be available on our web site, to our Providers, and Committee members.  
At our next meeting, we will have a vote to finalize.

## **Disability Report- Kristen Carew**

Our services are moving along virtually and phone conferences for those that do not have technology experience.

## **Providers- Christine Hellyer**

Our Provider meeting was yesterday via Zoom, here is an update:

Most of our providers are still servicing clients via Zoom, telephone calls, interactive cafes and virtually. Some have had to limit service.

Some services were adjusted like in-home services tele work with clients and improved their program.

## **New Business**

### **Shawna Bailey-Jersey Cares**

We have partnered with non-profit Jersey Cares to offer a volunteer shopper program. This program is open to seniors and hopefully to our disabled population at a later time.

- Credit card needed for payment, with a 6% credit card charge.
- Shop and deliver service
- 60 years and over
- 10 Morris County volunteers

- Facilitated by our care manager. They will get the budget and shopping list with an order number specifically for that client only. It gets entered into State system that generates an order number.
- Jersey Care partner receives it electronically and reaches out to senior with order number, so senior knows it legitimate to get credit card number
- Senior Care partner will put a credit hold on the credit card for budget amount.
- Shopper will then go and do the shopping, take picture of receipt and groceries, deliver groceries to client. In addition, 6% will be added to that total.
- We can accommodate 9 clients per week.
- ***Credit card or debit card no EBT or SNAP cards accepted.***
- We had our first application submitted client yesterday by one of our Care Managers and the delivery by the end of the week.

**Christine** announced our annual *Public Hearing for feedback for our APC (Area Plan Contract 2021)* meeting planned for April, has been cancelled due to COVID 19. The State decided it would not be mandatory this year.

Another reason we cancelled is because last year we had a request for a true competitive contract and we allowed for an optioned for a renewal. And, we chose to renew our APC (Area Plan Contracts) contracts for 2021.

Our Grant in Aid funding 2021 application has been postponed, and will be out in a couple of weeks. Depending on when these are due, our August meeting might have to be rescheduled.

We need a nomination Committee, due to the passing of Matt Adamczyk. Loretta White is now the Chairperson and we need a co-chair. It will consist of two Council members, if you are on the nominating committee you can't be nominated. If you do not volunteer, Maria will be calling you, begging two of you.

Tom asked Ken if the Commander's meetings and the possibility of running them via Zoom. In addition to the meeting, can we ask them to invite their Service Officer who represents their command?

**Ken** replied does not see a problem would refer that to **Christine**.

Christine yes this is on my to-do list. Our April was via conference call, and we will have another one in the summer. We will add the Service Officer to the invitations when the letters go out.

**Emerson** said he VA has been promoting telehealth that many veterans do not have access to computers/tablets to access their physicians. The VA has been promoting telehealth.

Adjourned: 1:12pm

**Motion:**

**Anthony Romano/Jim Cavanaugh**