

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

June 13, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matthew Adamczyk
Barbara Anderson
James Cavanaugh
Emerson Crooks
Robert Hughes
Tom Mazzaccaro
Erica Moreno
Tom Pappas
Anthony Romano
William Solomon
Loretta White

STAFF PRESENT

Shawwna Bailey
Ken Brenzel
Tammi Brown
Fay Campbell
Christine Hellyer
Pat Petrillo
Jennifer Van Natta
Sharon Yoo

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm, 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 April 11, 2019.

Motion: William Solomon/Anthony Romano

Chairperson's Report- Matt Adamczyk

The Division on Aging Disabilities & Community Programming staff will be conducting the 2019 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.

Staff Reports-
Director of Aging, Disabilities, and Community Programming-
Christine Hellyer

Introduced Sharon Yoo, our new Department Head.

Sharon Yoo, started on May 6, 2019 and I came from Legal Services, where I was practicing attorney for 6 years.

- Worked on disability work appealing the denials.
- Will preparations
- Guardianships
- Civil commitments for psychiatric patients.

Christine continued her report:

- We are currently in the 2019 Grant mid-year amendments process. We are currently looking into funding In-house care management for Adult Protective Service clients and Stress-busters, an evidence based program for caregivers.
- Grant proposals were made public on May 28, and are due back on June 28th, 2019.
- The APC funding this year will be more competitive this year. In the past our Department was not in compliance with the State. This year it will be a true RFP (Request for Proposal).
- We held a Technical Assistance program on June 7th for Providers to explain the Grant procedure and how to apply for the different funding streams.
- Our monitoring process is beginning June 14 and will end on July 3.
 - At this time we will visit Provider sites and overview their services and grant process.
 - We will discuss any questions or concerns by all parties.
- In addition to the ***mandatory paid sick leave*** that went into effect October 2018, ***New Jersey minimum wage*** is going up to \$10 per hour on July 2019, and \$11 per hour January 2020. These two changes are going to affect our State home community based programs with the increase of administrative costs. (JACC, Adult Day Care, and Respite)
The positive news is the State home and community based programs was increased were from \$15.50 per hour to \$17 per hour. We did want \$19.
- I received a request from the State County Advisory chairman from Passaic County to provide them with contact information on Chairpersons e-mail and phone number, because he is in the process or resurrecting the ACT4NJ group. (Matt agreed). Some members don't want to share their information.

Nutrition- Tammi Brown

The Nutrition Project provided the following number of meals:

APRIL:

Congregate Meals	7,360
Home Delivered Meal	20,853
Weekend Meals	1,466
Total	29,679

MAY:

Congregate Meals	7,761
Home Delivered Meals	21,803
Weekend	1,510
Total	31,074

Nutrition Program summer picnics. Reservations are required for congregated members to attend.

Mt. Olive	July 19 th	Mt. Olive Site
Madison	July 17 th	Madison/Chatham Sites
Jefferson	July 25 th	Jefferson Site

ADRC- Christine Hellyer

Information & Assistance and Case Management phone calls for April and May 2019 totaled 420 calls. Monthly calls listed below:

- April: 168
- May: 252

Veterans-Ken Brenzel

9569 veteran related telephone calls made/received.

1,789 veteran issue related emails & faxes sent/received.

116 Office visits with veterans, re: VA Claims, various social issues/problems.

72 VA Claims or Intent to File Claims, VA forms, records requests submitted.

21 referrals made.

16 Off-Site: Training, meetings (committee, event, vet organization), out-reach.

2 Home Visits.

253 veterans assisted up to the VA outpatient clinic.

758 Individual veterans assisted

Jim Cavanaugh requested again to have a report for comparison from last years to this years.

On June 18th we will hold the first session of "Lunch and Learn" program. This is designed to connect veterans to key information on services and benefits for them. It will be held here at 6pm.

Christine added that the Commander Summit meetings, which have been very successful, will take the summer off and start again in September. The feedback we receive is very positive, opening up the lines of communication.

Community Relations- Christine Hellyer

The Community Relations Committee met on Thursday, May 9, 2019 to discuss ACADV issues/concerns which should be shared with the public.

1. Older American's Act Re-Authorization

See attached

- The **Older Americans Act** is up for reauthorization this year. The Aging Community is encouraged to advocate for the reauthorization and to increase funding.
- Our Department is working on templates for advocacy available for you to send to your legislators/congressmen to show your support of this act.
- Our Department's primary funding that we give to our Providers comes from this Act.

2. The annual **Memorial Day Ceremony** on May 22, 2019.

Legislative Review – Bob Hughes

The Committee met on Thursday May 9, 2019, and reviewed the following bills and recommend the endorsement of the ACADV:

Assembly No. 1603- Prohibits paid caretakers from being appointed guardian or granted power of attorney for individual with disability.

Assembly No. 5125 – Clarifies disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients are not required to own vehicle to be exempt from municipal parking meter fees.

Not endorsed:

Senate 2902- Provides tax credits for performing certain repairs on primary residences of senior citizens or persons with disabilities.

There is no explanation of how its writers came up with \$50 million maximum tax credits.

2 Council members had a chance to speak to Sen Pennacchio and Sen. Bucco.

Sen. Bucco, who was a co-sponsor of the bill, said any and all will be under review.

Sen. Pennacchio said he indicated the concern of 50 million was a major concern, and it probably won't be passed.

Motion: Tom Mazzaccaro/Anthony Romano

Disability Community Report- Erika Moreno

- I am currently serving 35 clients at DAWN CIL.
- I also have 2 new in-takes and 2 potential new clients.

HSAC- Christine Hellyer

- At the MHASAB meeting, Ms. Tomika Carter and Mr. Chris Dorian gave an update on Greystone Psychiatric Hospital. See the Department of Health Website for information on Greystone's Dec. 2018 annual public meeting. Their focus has been on improvements. There has been a decline in census and increase in discharges. The census in Sept. 2017 was 541, and in 2018 was 429. Today the census is at 382. Ms. Carter said that they start the patient's discharge planning at admission. They hold intensive case reviews every Friday in a different area of the hospital. They have true conversations with the patients and give them the opportunity to get out of the hospital during their stay. They hold one on one meetings with patients. They work with the patients and get them used to less supervision.
The patients are in active treatment and attend many social events. The staff is greatly increased. They have 25 psychiatrists (26 including the Medical Director.) They would like to see 24-day time psychiatrists and now have 16 + 3 APN so total is 20. They have almost reached their target goal for staffing. There was further discussion and a question and answer period.
- The MHASAB reported that annual Consumer & Family Forum, The Many Faces of Recovery – Building Bridges to Employment will be on Tuesday, June 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum in the Haggerty Center. Please join consumers and family members, public officials, providers and advocates for an interactive evening.
- There will be a Census presentation at the next HSAC meeting by Kevin Derricotte from the Federal Census Bureau. He will talk about the census and initiatives that will involve the community. There will also be a presentation and update on Navigating Hope at the next HSAC meeting by Joanne Bjornson of Family Promise. Last year Family Promise receive the award to staff the Navigating Hope vehicle. It is scheduled to go out for the first time in June. The next HSAC meeting will be held on June 25 at 5:15 p.m. at MC Department of Human Services, One Medical Drive, Conf. Rm. 82 in Morris Plains. Please enter through the Executive Drive entrance directly into the conference room. All are welcome.
- The CoC Allocations Committee met June 10th to discuss \$1,887,565 in project proposals that would supply housing and support services for people who are homeless across Morris County's continuum of care. The committee will reconvene after HUD releases the Notice of Funding Availability to finalize the ranking and funding recommendation process.

Providers- Christine Hellyer

At our meeting yesterday the following was discussed.

- New-Bridge and NORWESCAP have a new program “Tame the Pain”, which is an Opioid-free Pain management for Older Adults.
- The state of New Jersey is providing Naloxone for free at participating pharmacies on June 18, 2019.
- We discussed the monitoring and the changes that have been made. I wanted to make sure they understood the changes this year.
- We had an extensive Medicaid presentation from our Office of Temporary Assistance.

Also for discussion and approval today:

United Way of Northern NJ: Budget Modification: For 2019

The proposed is a change in the level of service (LOS) for:

- **APC – Caregiver Outreach and Education Program.** Agency is requesting the number of units to be reduced from 702 units of **Information & Assistance** to 112 units, 969 units of **Outreach** to 250 units.
- Agency requesting number of units to be increased from
- 40 units of **Public Awareness** to 210 units.

Matt requested members for a motion to approve or not. It was approved.

Motion: Jim Cavanaugh/Anthony Romano

Planning/Program Review- Loretta White

The subcommittee met on May 9, 2019 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. Physical Activity, Exercise**
- 4. Caregivers Services**
- 5. Certified Home Health Aides**
- 6. Senior Centers/Congregate Dining**
- 7. Information & Assistance**
- 8. Socialization and Recreation Activities**
- 9. Housekeeping**
- 10. Residential Maintenance**
- 11. Legal Assistance**
- 12. Adult Day Care**
- 13. Mental Health Services**
- 14. Care Management**
- 15. Falls Risk Programs**
- 16. Insurance Questions/Medicare Counseling**

- 17. Oral Health**
- 18. Medication Management**
- 19. Nutrition Education Counseling**
- 20. Telephone Reassurance**

MCCoOPO- Shawna Bailey

- They held their Presidential Luncheon and Tammi Brown, Nutrition Director held a presentation on the Nutrition Program.

New Business-Christine Hellyer

- The Census for 2020 is approaching and I urge everyone to take the time and fill it out. It makes a huge deal with our funding for MAPS Paratransit and Area Plan Funding.
I urge you to complete your Census and advocate for your fellow seniors.
- The HSAC meeting was formerly attended by a Council member, and that went by the wayside. And recently someone from our department would attend. HSAC prefers a Council member to attend. Its once a month and we can do a rotating schedule if anyone is interested please reach out to Shawna or myself.

Emerson Crooks wants to bring the replica of the Vietnam Veterans Wall to Morris County. Myself and Jim Cavanaugh would like to form a committee for this purpose.

Adjournment: 1:28 pm

Motion: Anthony Romano/Tom Pappas

Next Meeting: September 12, 2019.