# **St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging (OFA)**

# **Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

# **February 11, 2019**

**Meeting called to order:** 10:00 AM by Roger Bennett, Vice Chairman

**Present:** *(voting members):* Roger Bennett, Linda Wilkinson, Russ Backus

Gail Teele, Larry Denesha, Gail Bisonette

**Present:** *(non-voting members):* Barb McBurnie, Brenda Sanderson, Chiara Delosh

Andrea Montgomery

**Present:** *(New Members/Pending BOL approval)*

**Excused**: Michael Boprey, Frank Carter, Carlton Doane, Bob Mead, Patrick Rourk, Peg Walrich

**Absent:** Kathy Skelly

**Public Attending:** Myrtle Regan

**Meeting Location:** Human Services Building

**♦Introductions:** Meeting brought to order by R. Bennett. Opened with Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Reflection. Welcome and introductions.

**♦Guest Speaker –** no speaker

**♦Public Comment** – no public comments

♦**Approval/Minutes** – motion to approve minutes by L. Wilkinson, seconded by R. Backus, all in favor.

# Motion passed.

♦**Correspondence** *(Linda Wilkinson)* – No correspondence

**♦Old Business**– no old business

**♦New Business** –

**County Council of Senior Citizens Report** *(Brenda Sanderson)* In the process of planning the May festival. The May festival will be held on May 3 at the Pierrepont fire hall. Has only received three applications for the Jacqueline Sears Award. County Council is running a contest where any club signing up new members will have a chance to win a $25 gift certificate. Still having meetings every month that will be held at different locations.

**StateWide Senior Action Council Report** *(Barb McBurnie)* Barb is a SMP volunteer. She had to go through a background check and take an online course. Part of the volunteer’s job is to do presentations on how to protect individuals against Medicare fraud. Also, the volunteers would sit at a table and pass out information to individuals to let them know that there is a number to call if you have any questions about your Medicare. Board meeting for Statewide is at the beginning of March. The next meeting is March 1st at the Lobster House in Norwood.

**Veterans Services Report** *(Mike Boprey)* No report

**Public Health Report** – *(Dana McGuire)* It’s a great time of the year to get your flu shot, and to share this information with other individuals. The next Walk with a Doc will be held this Saturday, at the Waddington School, from 10-11. Public Health has received two big grants for lead and opioids. With the lead grant Public Health will be working with the housing authority on education and outreach. Under the opioid grant, Public Health is actively getting things underway. They have a task force that has already met twice. The next meeting for the task force will be held on March 8 @ 10:30. The topic for the March meeting will be what strategies work for the county. With the opioid grant there will be county wide assessments. They are trying to get more providers that deal with individuals that have substance abuse.

**County Legislator’s Report** *(Larry Denesha)* Larry has been appointed to chair of Operations and Highway and Waste Committee. He was reappointed to the advisory council. On January 2 Joseph Lightfoot became Chairman and David Forsythe became Vice Chair. The household waste events will be held on May 18 and on September 14 from 9 am – 1 pm at the Human Services Building. They were able to finish the year with money in the bank.

**AARP Report**- *(Peg Walrich)* No report

**Office for the Aging Report** *(Andrea Montgomery)*

* The roster has been updated and if there is anything incorrect let us know. The second page has a listing of vacancies in the area that need to be filled.
* There is a good thing that has happened with the governor’s budget for Association of Aging Agency. There is a $15 million appropriation for aging services in the 2019-2020 Executive Budget. The money that we get from the budget will be allocated to our EISEP program. Our EISEP program is our home care program.
* Needs assessment survey which needs to be done every 4 years.
* Cyber Seniors Classes are being held in Gouverneur. The next class is February 25.
* We need Senior Award Recognition applications by Friday.
* Let us know about any events that are going on. They can be put into Mature Living.
* In preparation for any storm that we get, clients that get HDM will receive an emergency meal the day before. If we close every client gets a call regarding that the HDM will be closed that day. This is our way to do a safety check on our clients.
* We received a donated vehicle from Blevins Brothers.
* We had 120 baskets for our Holiday Basket Drive.

**♦Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by B. Sanderson, seconded by A. Montgomery, all in favor.

R. Bennett adjourned meeting at 11:10 AM.

**♦Next Meeting** – April 8, 2019, Human Services Center, Canton: 2nd Floor Conference Room at 10 AM

*(Minutes respectfully submitted by Chiara Delosh)*