

# WASHINGTON COUNTY OFFICE FOR AGING

## Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

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*Date | time* March 18, 2019 10:00am | *Meeting called to order by* Max McDonnell

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### In Attendance

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Sandra Lufkin, Pat Cantanucci, Max McDonnell, Gerald Foelsch, Patricia Provost, Antonia Estrada, Mary Ann Nichols, Margot Taylor, Gretchen Stark, Val Baez, Jodie Smith, Elizabeth Humiston, Craig Phalen, Mindy Dudley and Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell.

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### Approval of Minutes

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No Minutes from December 2018 meeting to approve due to the emergency building evacuation.

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### Staffing & Advisory Council Member Updates

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- A current Washington County Office for Aging organization chart was handed out and included recent changes. We have our new Pop Up Meal Site Manager, Elizabeth Humiston and Caseworker, Alicia Altizio.
  - The following new members will be appointed at the next Board Meeting: Margot Taylor (Easton), Val Baez (Granville) and potential member Bruce Ferguson (Salem).
  - Gina took a moment to recognize former Advisory Council member David McNitt (Salem), who recently passed away.
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### Program Updates

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- March is National March for Meals month. This year we will also include Assembly and Senate members of Washington County. They will be delivery meals, visiting senior sites and serving meals on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Price Chopper/Market 32 in Granville and Ft. Edward are now participating in our Restaurant Dining Program.
- Hellin, the Whitehall Meal Site Manager, spoke about what her day looks like as a meal site manager.
- Liz Humiston, the Pop Up Meal Site Manager, spoke about what her day looks like as Pop Up meal site manager. Liz is always open to new locations to hold events.
- Governor Cuomo is trying to finalize his budget by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Gina passed out a copy of the proposed NYSOFA budget (state proposal) and went over the information.
- ADRC mails a monthly mailing that consists of valuable information. Share in your community the way you see fit. If you happen to get two mailings and you can't use them, please notify our office so we can adjust our mailing list.

## State Senior of the Year

- Nominations were collected throughout 2018 and all identifying information was removed to be presented to the Advisory Council to vote at the December meeting. Due to the emergency evacuation of the building, the vote did not take place at the meeting. Max McDonnell contacted the members that were present at the meeting and obtained their top 2 choices of the submitted nominations. The Advisory Council members chose Arlene Green and Anthony Cantanucci, both of Fort Ann, as the State Senior of the Year for 2019.
- Gina went over the anonymous voting process. We have started collecting nominations for next year.

## Needs Assessment

- ADRC will be mailing out over 2,600 Needs Assessments to individuals over 60 in Washington County. The information that is returned on the assessments will be used to write the 2019 four-year plan.

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## Recent/Upcoming Activities

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Gina went over the recent Pop Up Events that were held in Greenwich, Fort Ann and Argyle.

### Upcoming Events:

- March 27<sup>th</sup> – Long Term Care Council meeting at the Warren County Building
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> – March for Meals
- April 4<sup>th</sup> – Senior Dinner Theatre at Argyle School. Tickets available at ADRC office.
- April 12<sup>th</sup> – Spring Senior Council Luncheon at Hartford Firehouse. Reservation deadline is April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – Older Americans Month celebration at the Kingsbury Firehouse.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – The Kingsbury/Fort Edward Senior Center received a grant again this year from LARAC for the 8-week session for the Journaling and Sketching seminars. Deadline to sign up is April 12<sup>th</sup>.

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## Advisory Council Updates

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- A Resolution was passed regarding mileage reimbursement. The Advisory Council members are eligible for mileage reimbursement because they were appointed to this meeting by their Town Supervisors.

The W-9's needs to be completed and submitted one time. The voucher and mileage sheets will be submitted together when claiming the reimbursement. Mileage reimbursement is optional and not mandatory.

- The Officer votes took place for the Advisory Council and a motion was passed for:
  - Max McDonnell – President
  - Mary Ann Nichol – Vice President
- We went over the difference between the Advisory Council and the Executive Council of Seniors.

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## Next Meeting

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Gina asked if there was any flexibility on the date for the next Advisory Council meeting? A motion to change the date from June 3, 2019 to June 17, 2019 was made and approved.

**Date | time:** Monday, June 17, 2019 at 10:00am, **Location:** The Kingsbury/Fort Edward Senior Center on 78 Oak St. - Hudson Falls, NY.

A motion to adjourn was made and was passed unanimously.