

# WASHINGTON COUNTY OFFICE FOR AGING

## Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

*Date | time June 17, 2019 10:00am | Meeting called to order by Max McDonnell*

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### In Attendance

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Sandra Lufkin, Max McDonnell, Margot Taylor, Susan Perry, Alice Coldwell, Sharon Dunn, Sandy Wheeler, Bruce Ferguson, 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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March 4, 21019 Minutes approved.

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### Staffing & Advisory Council Member Updates

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- Bruce Ferguson was approved to represent Salem on the Advisory Council.
- Andrew “Jock” Williamson retired from ADRC as a Senior Caseworker.
- Suzanne Cody a ADRC caseworker was chosen as Jock’s replacement as Senior Caseworker.
- Alicia Altizo was chosen to replace Suzanne Cody’s caseworker position.

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### Program Updates

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- Gina went over Office for Aging and Disabilities Resource Center Annual Report. She highlighted various information. It is available online and you can get hard copies at our office.
- Legal Services Initiative – the purpose is to show people how to use services. We partner with the Greenwich Library every month and it is free to the public. A flyer is in our monthly mailings.
- Gina thanked everyone for their advocacy efforts for the Governor’s budget for aging. The aging part of the budget received an additional 15 million dollars that will be divided up between the counties. Washington County received \$56,000 for unmet needs. Other counties did not receive any of the money. The money will be used for people on our waiting list for our Personal Care Program. Due to lack of CNA’s at the agencies, Gina is meeting with the committee to come up with a spending plan. We may need to be creative and help with medical alert and Level 1 care that included light cleaning.
- Jodie Smith spoke about June being World Elder Abuse Awareness month. She discussed various forms of abuse and bringing awareness.

### 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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### Recent Events:

- In March was our March for Meals. March is National Nutrition Month. We had a good turnout with Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, a representative from Senator Little's office and Senator Daphne Jordan. It started with a tour of the kitchen and then they either went to a dining site to serve meals or delivered meals to people's homes.
- April is National Volunteer Month. Most of our volunteers are volunteering at our senior dining sites. We provided a "Thank you" pizza party at each of the sites throughout April.
- April 4, 2019 was our intergenerational event. The Argyle School performed the school play "Clue" for our seniors and the student council served them dinner.
- The Washington County Council of Seniors luncheon was held at the Hartford Firehouse on April 12, 2019. We served 180 meals.
- May is Older American's Month. We celebrated by having several "Pop Up" events throughout the month at various locations.
- On May 10<sup>th</sup> we partnered with Washington County Council of Seniors for their Senior of the Year celebration at the Kingsbury Firehouse.
- On May 21<sup>st</sup> Gina escorted Arlene Green and Anthony Cantanucci to Albany for the state Senior of the Year ceremony. Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Arlene and Anthony will be honored with a pin and proclamation at the Washington County Board of Supervisor's meeting. Gina also handed out the nomination form and explained the process to the Advisory Council.

### Upcoming Events:

- Gina went over the upcoming "Pop Up" events that are scheduled.
- July 12<sup>th</sup> – Washington County Senior Picnic at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Easton.
- October 4<sup>th</sup> – Fall Festival at the Kingsbury Firehouse in Hudson Falls
- October 10<sup>th</sup> – Council of Seniors fall luncheon at the American Legion in Hudson Falls.

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## Open

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- Craig shared the Get Out & Go event on June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Granville. He also highlighted the Greenwich Witches Wellness Fitness Fair on July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Upcoming events at Little Theatre on the Farm:
  - Hee Haw – July 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - 50's & 60's Variety Show – September 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

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## Next Meeting

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Max thanked everyone for attending.

**Date | time:** Monday, September 9, 2019 at 10:00am, **Location:** The Cambridge Senior Center on 5 Park Place - Cambridge, NY.

A motion to adjourn was made and was passed unanimously.