

**Washington, Warren, and Hamilton Counties NY Connects Long Term Care
Council Meeting Minutes**

March 12, 2020 9:30am network 10am-noon meeting

Warren County Human Services Building

Meeting opened with Welcome by Barbara Price, LTCC Vice Chair

Members voted to accept December 2019 LTCC meeting minutes

**Dee Park, Director, Warren-Hamilton Office for the Aging presented on Census 2020
(handouts attached) Census can be completed on-line, phone, or by mail.**

Members introductions (33): Gail Aiken, Lisa Baker, Renee Birnbaum, Shannon Boreali, Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, Kim Comisky, Jonathan Crouch, Susan Dornan, Ben Driscoll, Elimarie Espino Sepulveda, John Farrell, Cassandra Fleury, Michelle Foley, Kym Hance, Rebecca Hill, Rose Landau, Meghan Lovering, Jamie McAuliffe, Colleen McCool, Max McDonnell, Peggy McGrath, Harvey Noordsy, Maggie Norton, Dee Park, Julie Pearl, Barbara Price, Brandy Richards, Audrey Shaw, Adrienne Slayko, Jodie Smith, Scott Sopczyk, Maria Spagnola, Lindsay Stanislowsky

Spotlight Sponsor featured Kym Hance, Herzog Law Firm PC: Thank you to Herzog Law Firm pc for providing refreshments for this meeting

Since 1946, the Herzog Law Firm PC has been dedicated to providing clients with unparalleled legal advice and counsel. As a full-service Estate Planning and Elder Law firm, we pride ourselves on being able to walk you and your family through all stages of Estate, Medicaid, and Tax Planning as well as Guardianships, Estate Administration and Care Management Services. We recognize that each individual and family is unique. We have a client-centered approach. Our goal is to develop a long-term relationship with our clients and their families while repairing and implementing a custom plan that addresses their individual needs and circumstances. We are committed to preserving and protecting the assets clients have acquired during their lifetime. With offices in Albany, Saratoga and Kingston, we happily serve the greater Capital Region, Hudson Valley and North Country and are dedicated to compassionate legal representation. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you and your family.

Adrienne Slayko and Shannon Boreali presented about services offered by Northern Rivers Mobile Crisis Unit (brochure attached)

Goal is to prevent unnecessary hospitalization & emergency room visits by stabilizing the crisis in the most normalized, least restrictive setting. We offer telephone support, face-to-face intervention to further assess risk and de-escalate the situation, as well as connection & referrals to appropriate community resources. Mobile Crisis teams respond to the following 6 counties: Albany (child and adolescent only), Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren and Washington.

Rose Landau presented about services offered by Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY (powerpoint attached)

Civil law firm serving vulnerable communities. Clients have to be under a certain income to qualify for services, but there are a few exceptions. The Disability Advocacy Project seeks to help people with disabilities obtain/keep Social Security benefits. Free legal services are available for over age 60. No income limit! We advise, help with drafting wills, powers of attorney, living wills, health care proxies, trusts, and deeds. Assist with DSS fair hearings. Private Lawyer Involvement program recruits local private attorneys to take pro bono cases. PLI program has provided advice and sometimes representation in a variety of matters, but most common cases are bankruptcy/divorce. Family Court, housing foreclosure, eviction prevention. If you have a civil legal issue that doesn't neatly fall into one of the categories above, we may still be able to give advice. Even if you are not income eligible, if you are a victim/survivor of domestic violence, if you are living with HIV or AIDs, or if you live in Warren County and are over 60 years old, we can probably still advise you. Legal Aid cannot help with criminal matters (including speeding tickets), most fee-generating law suits, or any we are conflicted about.

Scott Sopczyk presented about services offered by Greater Glens Falls Transit www.gftransit.org

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*****Next LTCC Quarterly Meeting: June 11 scheduled at Hamilton County Public Health will be a virtual meeting due to COVID-19 10a.m.-noon**

Agenda: NYS Chaplain Task Force, Hudson Mohawk AHEC & More

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