

Aging Advisory Council Meeting
Clinton County Community Center
June 21, 2017

Members present: Ray Humphrey, David Heiney, Rochelle Keefer, Linda Hess, Nancy Watson, Paulette Seitzer, Lois Stryker, Barbara Barger, Joseph Sohmer

Missing: Commissioners Jeff Snyder and Jack McKernan, Leslie Houser, Sharon Cashwell, Carolyn Bullock

Staff: Fred Shrimp

Meeting started at 1:00 pm

Ray Humphrey reviewed the minutes. David Heiney made a motion to approve that was seconded by Lois Stryker and approved unanimously.

Mr. Shrimp updated the council on the Senior Center Grant for The RiverWalk Center. STEP has the 10 bicycles and 2 Surry bicycles from the grant and two tricycles donated by David and Louise Stone. There will be a bicycle rodeo for all ages on June 24 as a kick-off event for loaning the bicycles out to seniors. The cement pads have been poured and the outdoor exercise equipment should be installed next week in the South Williamsport Park. A bike rodeo advertisement flyer was distributed.

On the Renovo Pavilion project, Mr. Shrimp reported a contractor has been selected and work will begin the first week of July. August 22 or 24 have been suggested as dates to hold a ribbon cutting celebration.

Mr. Shrimp reported that Rachelle Abbott will submit grant request to the First Community Foundation Partnership of PA and DCNR for \$300,000 each. The engineering and architectural drawings are being completed. This will give us better standing in grant applications. The members of the Loyalsock Montoursville Center are holding fund raisers. They raised nearly \$600 at a Hoss's fund raiser. They are having a bake sale at the bike rodeo, have a yard sale and a raffle/win stuff event planned. Paulette Seitzer asked Mr. Shrimp for a letter from STEP that can be taken to businesses to ask for donations. Mr. Shrimp said he would provide the letter.

The senior center grant STEP received to develop a recreational/educational trip program at the centers will begin in July. Mr. Shrimp stated it is entitled the STEP'N Out program. Trips will be advertised to attract new participants to the centers. The grant will also give STEP the opportunity to experiment and come up with the best way to continue trips after the grant funds are used.

On the state budget process, Mr. Shrimp distributed an email from the executive director of the Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging (P4A) on gambling options being explored and the effect on the lottery. P4A supports the introduction of

Internet lottery but not Video Gaming Terminals that have driven down lottery purchases in states that have both. At this time, the budget process is in the hands of the Senate and no settlement has been announced.

On the issue of consolidation of aging into the new department of health and human services, Mr. Shrimp provided a press release from the Governor's office that indicates P4A endorsement of the idea. Mr. Shrimp also provided an email from P4A that indicated the promises made to P4A if they endorsed the consolidation and the things the Governor's office would not do if P4A opposed. The majority of the membership voted to accept the Governor's offer with the understanding some AAAs still oppose the plan. Mr. Shrimp distributed a press release by Senator Yaw that announced he opposed the inclusion of the department of drug and alcohol in the consolidation, but he did not mention Aging.

One of the promises of the Governor's office for support of the consolidation was that the negotiations to have AAAs to continue the level of care assessment function in long term care services would be completed. Mr. Shrimp distributed a press release from the Secretaries of Aging and Human Services to that effect.

Mr. Shrimp reported the Community Health Choices is moving on schedule. It will directly affect our two counties in 2019.

Mr. Shrimp reported the last Farmer's Market Vouchers were given out today in Clinton County.

Ray Humphrey informed the council of the functions of the PA Regional Council on Aging. Mr. Shrimp stated the Department of Aging is trying to recruit new members for counties not represented on the council. There are openings for Lycoming and Clinton Counties if anyone is interested.

Barbara Barger motioned for adjournment.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Frederick Shrimp
Aging Director

David Heiney
Secretary