

Aging Advisory Council Meeting
STEP Offices, Conference Room C
October 25, 2017

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

Members absent: Carolyn Bullock, Sharon Cashwell, Nancy Watson, Commissioners Jeff Snyder and Jack McKernan

Staff: Fred Shrimp, Jennifer Smith and Becky Dorley

Meeting started at 1:00pm

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

The nominating committee recommend as officers for FY17-18 nominees Ray Humphry for Chair, Linda Hess for vice chair, and David Heiney for Secretary. All 3 agreed to serve. Motion for approval was made by Joseph Sohmer seconded by Rochelle Keefer and approved unanimously.

2017-2018 Budget Resources was mostly the same as last fiscal year. The about \$2,000 decrease in health promotion funding reflected a decreased allotment from the Federal government to Pennsylvania. Spending projections for Home Delivered Meals, Congregate and Center increased for possible spending on the new center for the current Loyalsock/Montoursville center. I&R decreased and care management increased due to changes in regulations reflected in the most recent time studies. Motion to approve budget was made by Barbara Barger seconded by Paulette Seitzer and approved unanimously.

Mr. Shrimp announced that the required public hearings on the budget plan would be held at the Lincoln center on November 1st at 11:00am and at the Clinton County Community Center on November 2nd at 11:30am.

STEP Office of Aging has been having difficulty recruiting and retaining caseworkers. This understaffing has led to Aging not having enough casework staff to assess and arrange care plans beyond the required services. After the most recent exodus of three caseworkers to take higher paying jobs, STEP has reclassified the casework positions to increase pay. Mr. Shrimp believes this will stop the revolving door. We have continuous casework openings for the past 3 years. Aging uses a 6-month probation/initial work period because there is so much to learn before they can function on their own.

Mr. Shrimp reported that the number of protective services cases that Aging investigates has increase by 300 to 400% in the past 5 years. We now have 2 dedicated caseworkers, a dedicated supervisor and 5 caseworkers that handle the overflow cases along with care management. All caseworkers are assigned on-call duties after one year of service and training, so they are on-call about 4 weeks per year.

A sign will be placed on the path with the 7 exercise stations in the South Williamsport park noting STEP and funding sources. Rachelle Abbott also applied for the borough of South Williamsport to receive a DCNR grant to repair a park parking lot, new walk way from the RiverWalk parking lot to the exercise stations and add a couple of tennis courts.

Community Health Choices is on track to start January 1st in the Southwest. It will start here in 2019 unless delayed. In the 1st 6 months of CHC we will have a contract with all 3 MCO's and after that it will be up to the MCOs as to whether they contract with us through the AAAs corporation known as Community Care Connections.

Rebecca Dorley was introduced as the new APPRISE Coordinator as Lori Boos accepted a casework position. APPRISE is staring Open Enrollment Period and appointments are filling up.

Loyalsock/Montoursville Update: Rachelle Abbott is on applications for funding with no guarantees on funding yet. We are asking for \$300k from 1st Community Foundation and have a on-site meeting with them coming up. Rachelle is applying for a matching grant from DCNR. Rachelle will apply for Act 13 money from the Lycoming County Commissioners. We have a cost estimate of \$900k minimum for the project.

Other Business: The pavilion project at the Renovo fire hall and center for healthy aging is complete. A dedication ceremony was held. It was constructed with local donations and funds from the Clinton County Commissioners budget allocated to STEP Office of Aging.

Motion to close was passed by Linda Hess seconded by Ray Humphrey and passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Frederick Shrimp
Aging Director

Reviewed by:

David Heiney
Secretary

