

Allegany County Community Partnership on Aging

January 23, 2017

Members Present: S. Houghtling, H. Cornwall, L. Oyer, M. Freeland, T., Carl, J., McAndrew, R. Maiden, K. Bower, K., Badeau, N., Brunette, L. Loring, A., Mattison, M. Biddle. J. Miller.

Next meeting(s): February 27th, 2017 from 9:00am to 10:30 at the Cross Town Alliance Church, Highland Ave. Wellsville, NY

The Allegany Community Partnership on Aging Meeting was held at the Cross Town Alliance Church, Highland Ave, Wellsville, NY

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9am by A. Mattison. Introductions for the group were started and the agenda for the meeting was passed around for the group.

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. Presentations on Alzheimer's Program and grant changes that have taken place. Also Dr. Maiden provided information on the: Utilization of Mental Health services.

L. Oyer, and K. Badeau. Provided an update on program and grant changes that have taken place. This included a change in some of the services/programs that are offered: caregiver consultation, education about the disease, advocacy, Consultation (home and office visits), early stage programming, education, I and R, lending library, information on research, respite, safety services/information, support groups, and professional training.

They discussed support groups that are available in the area: Wellsville 1st Wed. of each month and Belmont 3rd Tues. of each month. This is professionally facilitated by L. Oyer at this time – respite can be provided for attendees for people looking to attend to the groups.

There will be a greater limit on the following past programs: Joint enrichment, education (some education will be provided, but it will be more limited),

- Powerful tools will still be offered.

They made a distinction of programs that are available through the ALZ association and WNYACP offered programs: I and r, care consultation, education, early stage programming, support groups, respite, and training for professionals.

The utility of the program was discussed as it allows a person to remain in the community and not rely on facilities: assisted living facilities. This in particular has been done through coordinating with available services, organizations, and devices that are offered.

- Safety devices are being included into the program: door alarms, safety bracelets, etc.... to aid a person that is living in the home.

K. Badeau noted that they receive referrals from a variety of services: schools, hospitals, physician offices, housing locations, counselor organizations, self-referral. Referrals are voluntary and need the consent of the person to assist.

- Many people are inquisitive, but are not ready to sign up for services (or interested in only some services.)

Dr. Maiden provided an overview of the study that is taking place on the Utilization of Mental Health. He noted that this survey is seeking voluntary participants that may be interested in participating in the study. He noted that he is seeking to get a grant from Alfred University to cover some expenses of the survey like postage. The study will include people that are 50 years and older; this will also include participants that live in areas outside of Allegany county like: Steuben and Cattaraugus county.

The survey would be provided in paper format. Ideas of seeking other formats to gain more participants were discussed like electronically with survey monkeys.

Dr. Maiden noted that the SPSS platform will be used, and Dr. Gagne will assist with the statistical aspect.

Options were discussed on how participants may react to the survey, this included: page number, question amount, electronic vs. paper, discussion of the incentive/drawing listed. Dr. Maiden noted that this study included a drawing for participating of 500 dollars so that more participants may be interested.

- Dr. Maiden noted that a concern in making the incentive of a chance to win \$500 more noticeable to increase participants would be a concern for the IRB- (institutional review board) for human subjects as noting that the survey would allow a chance to win money was denied. This means putting the chance to win money more openly or advertised more on the survey would be an unlikely change.

A. Mattison provided a review of LTSS and New York connects changes. She noted that NY Connects would be provided through a different funding streams: from OFA NY Connects to NY Connects EE (from BIP funding).

- a. Another change that would take place is the CPA served as the Long term care council will be the responsibility of Directions in Independent Living. This may mean a change in the format for the meetings going forward.

Anita provided an overview of findings from the I&A Aggregate Data that was gained from Oct. 1 2017 to January 22nd 2018. (attached to the meeting minutes this information will be included). This provided information on all those clients that utilized NY Connects services.

- Information and a comparison of last years' data and this years' data will be provided with the meeting minutes that are going out in email.

IV: Round Robin:

- **Ardent Solutions:** - M Biddle discussed change in staff:
 - J. Soto, he will now be within a position of Health Literacy.
 - S. Houghtling been a contract through pro-action through Steuben County as an administrative assistant within their office and was interested to the group.
 - Allison Green will be meeting with people in regards to mobility programs like CarFit.
 - Activities include Allegany county 2 suicide bereavement support groups.
 - 2nd Tues. 6:30pm – 8pm. At Youth for Christ in Wellsville
 - 2nd and 4th Thursday. 7pm-8pm at Cuba Cultural Center.

They are offering CPR and AED throughout the county. They are community based, but could be coordinated for organizations and facilities to schedule at there sites.

Ardent received the first round of found through CDC for administrating the walk with ease program- this is self-directed and facilitated (they have availability). – grant will end at the end of March and they are trying to meet deliverables. They offered to provide services at organizations at facilities as well.

- **ACDSS** – Lynnae Loring did not have any further information or updates.
- **Accord** – T. Carl provided an overview of Accord programs and services briefly. She also provided a services guide for the Accord programs (to be attached with documents).
- **Total Senior Care:** J. McAndrew. Introduced herself to the group as the new attendee from the organization.
- **OFA** – Anita Mattison provided information about the Medicare Basics classes that are going to be in attendance for the year 2018. A flyer was provided and will be attached with the meeting minutes on the respective dates of the classes. She also provided information on the HIICAP program that is offered through the OFA.
 - Anita provided an update that Medicare cards will be changing within the coming year from April 2018 through April 2019. They are provided at random for people (two people living at the same address will be receiving new cards at varying times). She also noted that potential Scams have started where scammers are seeking to gain information under the guise of it being required that people provide their old Medicare number to receive their new Medicare number.

Anita provided an update that Tracy Dubois has taken a new position through ARA working out of Jones Memorial Hospital. This position will not be filled for the next 3 months.

 - Irene Dieteman will be on leave for conservatively two months (date TBD).
- **Icircle** – Jo Miller noted that they offer Medicaid managed long term care. They are expanding more into the Allegany county. They are seeking to higher within the area for a business developer. They are the business developer manager for the organization in the area. CDS Monarch just signed up with prime care.
- **OFA/WNYACP-** Lynn Oyer
 - She provided information about the available tax services that are available within Allegany county (date and information will be included on documents).
 - She provided information on the MS self-help group. Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month 5:30pm -7pm at OFA in Belmont.
- **NY Connects** – M. Freeland, no additional program information or updates at this time.
- **Directions in Independent Living** – Howard Cornwall noted that DIL has acquired a new location within Allegany county at 99 Maple avenue. Wellsville, NY, at Grace United. Contract would be signed in the 1st of February. It will be prepared and available shortly after this once the facility is established.
- **Alzheimer's Association** - K. Badeau reiterated the available program difference changes and that Alz. Association is available for consultation and assistance through there 800-272-3900 number.

- Provided information with L. Oyer on upcoming Understanding and Responding to dementia related behavior event. Feb. 20th. 3pm at OFA, Belmont.
- **Absolut of Houghton-** Kathy Bower did not have an update on further information from Absolute, but provided additional information on the following event:
 - Southern Tier Activities Association. She noted that they are collaborating and having a “Senior Ball”. This will be held at Good Times of Olean. They are reaching out to organizations and people to find formal wear for seniors that need it for the event. M. Biddle noted that she would distribute a write up or information about the event to CPA.
- **Rochester RHIO** – N, Brunette introduced herself and provided information about the organization. She noted that the organization helps to coordinate and work through 13 organizations for services. This includes providers and community based organizations that can help coordinate services. This is at the consent of the individual, but could include sharing clinical information and other information through different sources to facilitate care.

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VI: **Adjournment:**
 Meetings adjourned at 10:45 am