

LANCASTER COUNTY OFFICE OF AGING
Advisory Council Minutes
150 North Queen Street
Planning Commission Conference Room #104
Lancaster, PA
June 6, 2016

Members Present: Emily Booker, Joe Burchill, Carl Kanaskie, Mary Keech, Bill Kelley, Tom Kloss*, Glenn Knight, Vicki Muzyk, Bob Sauders, Gloria Schleicher and Jon Walker.

(*Associate Member)

Staff: Jacqueline Burch, Erica Shimp and Lon Wible

Guests: County Commissioner Craig Lehman.

Excused: Jennifer Opinaldo

Chair Bob Sauders called the meeting to order at approximately 1:15 PM followed by the pledge to the flag. This was preceded by a public hearing on the 2016-2020 Federal Fiscal Year Area Plan at noon. Minutes from the April 2016 meeting were approved.

Executive Director's Report

- An update was provided regarding recent staff hires and status of remaining vacancies. The Senior Centers' Supervisor position has been filled along with two receptionists, two service coordinators in the Aging Waiver Program, and one Protective Services caseworker. Vaughn Miller has returned on an interim basis until a new Fiscal Officer is hired and fully trained. Low starting salaries are impacting the recruitment and hiring process particularly for Protective Service positions. Discussions are underway with Human Resources to address this with the Commissioners and County Salary Board.
- Since last fall, steady progress has been made toward tracking and improving the timeframe for completing assessments or level of care determinations. In April close to 84% of all assessments were completed within the required 15-day limit. This improved to nearly 94% in May. Assessment unit staff were commended for their efforts and are expected to ultimately achieve and maintain at least a 95% rate for state compliance.
- In the last four months, 180 persons have been removed and served from the waiting list. However as a result of the prolonged state budget impasse and related hiring freeze, an under expenditure of state funds is projected, and anticipated to be reallocated to other area agencies in need as per the Department of Aging.

Regional Council

- Following input from last month's statewide public hearings, a draft of the State Plan on Aging is available at: www.aging.pa.gov. The next regional council meeting is scheduled for June 9th in Harrisburg.

Old Business

- Despite much rain the week-long 28th Annual Senior Games held in May went well. There were 832 participants, 40 events, and 37 sponsors. The total costs were offset by \$24,720 received from sponsors and \$10,000 in registration fees.
- The Department of Agriculture will again provide Farmers' Market Nutrition vouchers to income eligible persons over the age of 60. Distribution will take place at all senior centers and a few other community sites on June 15.
- PrimeTime Health aquatics programs will be offered throughout the summer at numerous indoor and outdoor pools. See '*Calendar of Upcoming Events*' for locations and times.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Recorder

Executive Director

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