

Aging Advisory Council Meeting  
STEP Offices, 2138 Lincoln Street, Conference Room C  
October 31, 2018

Members present: David Heiney, Ray Humphrey, Paulette Seitzer, Leslie Houser, Lucille Evans, Joe Sohmer, Nancy Watson, Ed Weinoffer, Commissioner Jack McKernan and Sharon Cashwell

Members absent: Barbara Barger, Commissioner Jeff Snyder, Rochelle Keefer and Linda Hess

Staff: Frederick Shrimp, Jim Plankenhorn, Jean Sullivan

Meeting started at 1:00pm

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

David Heiney gave the report of the nomination committee in Barbara Barger's absence. The current officers were nominated to serve another year, Ray Humphrey for Chairperson, Linda Hess for Vice-Chairperson and David Heiney for Secretary. Leslie Houser made a motion to elect the slate of officers that was seconded by Nancy Watson and approved unanimously.

Mr. Shrimp reviewed the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget of \$5,217,803. The revenue sources and spending plan were reviewed. The plan is very similar to the previous fiscal year. There is an additional \$40,000 allocated by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging (PDA) for older adult protective services. Ray Humphrey made a motion to approve the budget that was seconded by Paulette Seitzer and approved unanimously.

Mr. Shrimp reviewed the consumer choice list for personal care and home support.

Mr. Shrimp stated the public hearings on the budget that are required by PDA will be held on November 7 at 11:45 at the Lincoln Center and likely 11:30 on November 8 at the Clinton County Community Center. Mr. Shrimp will confirm the Clinton County date and contact advisory council members to confirm.

Jim Plankenhorn presented the update on the Loyalsock Montoursville Center. The \$300,000 DCNR grant has been approved for the addition at the Loyalsock Township Community Recreation Center that will host our center when built. Mr. Plankenhorn reported that with that funding, we believe the township will go ahead with the project. We hope construction can begin in the spring of 2019.

Mr. Shrimp announced that Families United has opened and older adult day care center named Liberty Manor Adult Day Services at 276 Ashley Manor Drive near Muncy. STEP can use day care as part of a care plan.

Mr. Shrimp noted that the Medicare open enrollment runs from October 15 to December 7 and Apprise counselors are meeting with seniors to help them with their choices. Ray Humphrey announced an increase in income eligibility amounts for PACE and PACE Net.

Mr. Shrimp reported that a recent PDA monitoring of our Ombudsman program noted that STEP was a model agency in the involvement of volunteers and PEER (ombudsman trained volunteers) in the nursing facilities and personal care homes. This led to a discussion of nursing facility care and advocacy for residents. Mr. Shrimp state that he will invite Traci Foster, our ombudsman to the next meeting.

Jean Sullivan, Home and Community Based Services Manager, reported that STEP office of Aging had a monitoring visit from the Office of Long Term Living in the Department of Human Services to review our aging waiver services. We had a deficient free visit, meaning full compliance with the regulations.

Mr. Shrimp announced that Jean Sullivan has received approval from PDA to be his successor as the AAA director when he retires at the end of June 2019. STEP administration has approved Ms. Sullivan to succeed and we are working on a transition plan.

Mr. Plankenhorn announced an agreement with Hope Enterprises to place a Women's, Infant's Children's food program in the undeveloped space at the Clinton County Community Center.

Leslie Houser moved to adjourn, Nancy Waton seconded the motion.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Frederick Shrimp  
Aging Director

David Heiney  
Secretary