

FULTON COUNTY LONG TERM CARE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 25th
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Location: Community Health Center
2-8 West Main Street
Johnstown, NY 12095

Attendance: Marion Balch, Chairperson, Fulton County LTC Council
Andrea Fettinger, Director, Fulton County OFA
Christina Akey, PHE, Fulton County Public Health
Margaret Luck, Nathan Littauer Hospital Lifeline
Claudette Royal, Nathan Littauer Hospital
Karen Thayer, Executive Director, SAIL
Tiffany Comeua, Caseworker FCDSS
Rebekah Lynch, RN LTHHCP Coordinator
Nancy Leach, VNHC RN Supervisor
Neil Van Slyke, WNH Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairperson, Marion Balch.

Roll Call of Voting Members

A roll call of voting members was taken, and a quorum was present. The new role call and membership requirements were reviewed.

Approval of June 20th, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 20th, 2012 meeting were reviewed with copy on file and a quorum was determined present.

Discussion of ongoing role of FCLTCC

M. Balch brought up the poor attendance at the meeting and the lack of feedback to requests for education topics and agenda items. It was the sense of the group that it is not disinterest or apathy, but the state of limbo that everyone is in due to changes, confusion, and lack of direction at the state and federal level. It was decided to wait until the Nov meeting (after the elections) and look at how we need to proceed. The feeling was that once we know what is happening, we can respond and plan for it. Depending upon who is elected, it was suggested that we consider inviting legislators to a meeting early next year.

Education Committee Update – Marion Balch

M. Balch reported that there had been no requests for various education programs from the membership. It was decided that we will look into having a representative from Medicaid Answering Service (MAS) at our November meeting to discuss the process for arranging transport. Also to see if we can invite The DOH representative who oversees this function. We would like to obtain a list of who provides transportation under this system in Fulton Co. Ultimately it was decided to focus the November meeting on transportation.

Collaboration with Montgomery Co. LTCC

It was suggested that when legislators are invited, that we combine with Mont. Co. LTCC since there is strength in numbers.

Appointment of Nominating Committee

Andrea Fettinger, Neil Van Slyke and Claudette Royal agreed to serve on the nominating committee to present a slate of officers at the November meeting for voting in January. M. Balch indicated that she will not be seeking re-election as chair.

Agency Announcements

FCDSS announced that Jaden Maynor has been hired as a part time RN in the long term care unit.

Next Quarterly Meeting Dates

November 13th has been designated as the next quarterly meeting date. The date for the annual meeting in January will be set at the Nov. meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion M. Balch
Chair, FCLTCC