

Fulton Co. Long Term Care Council

Fulton Co. Office for Aging
19 N. William St., Johnstown, NY 12095

January 21, 2016

8:30 a.m.

AGENDA

- Welcome!
- Introductions
- NYConnects – brief comments
- DSRIP – any comments or updates?
- “Connecting Our Generations – making the most out of our lives”
 - Need volunteers for this event
 - Ideas for location
 - Suggestions for date?
- Future plans for the Long Term Care Council
 - ⇒ Will need nomination committee for recruiting potential individuals to lead the Council
 - ⇒ Will need suggestions as to what this Council’s role is in the community
- Future meeting days:
 - ⇒ Thursday, April 14, 2016
 - ⇒ Thursday, September 15, 2016
 - ⇒ Thursday, November 17, 2016
- Agency reports
- Adjourn

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...notes...

- Andrea welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for supporting the LTC Council. She provided a review of why this Council is so important to the community and the NYConnects program in Fulton County.
- Introductions by attendees: Jennifer Donovan, Sen. Farley's Office; Robin Wentworth, St. Johnsville NH; Mary Peterson, Lexington; Charmaine Razics, DSS/ALTC; Neal VanSlyke, Wells NH; Joe Franco, RCIL; Claudette Royal, NLH; Nancy Ackerbauer, FCPH; Irina Gelman, FCPH; Sheryda Cooper, DSS; Maggie Luck, NLH/Lifeline; Andrea Fettinger, FCOFA
- NYConnects – Andrea - brief comments made in accordance with her opening remarks included that the Office for Aging is getting the word out about NYConnects by new billboards, public education sessions upcoming, and meeting with a new transition team. Andrea will also provide materials to all members of the Council about the enhanced system as time goes by.
- DSRIP – Irina explained, in some detail, the role Fulton Co. Public Health will play in a few DSRIP areas, most importantly is the “tele-health” project that could involve many members of the council receiving technology to host “Stations” for the community to use for certain communication with health providers. More to come on this exciting development.
- “Connecting Our Generations – making the most out of our lives”
 - Andrea will email past organizational members to discuss 2016 event
 - FCPH is doing Public Health Day on 4/2/16 at the Johnstown Community Center; perhaps a joint endeavor? More to come on this

- Andrea mentioned that we need to discuss the future plans for the Long Term Care Council
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 - Claudette reported that she and Bethenny will be covering the Nursing Home for February and March while Gail is out. She also mentioned that MLTC/Medicare Advantage issues still occurring related to authorizations for care and problems with reimbursements. (this is a common issue for many agencies on the Council)
 - Neal reported that for his advocacy efforts this year he is concerned about the minimum wage increase; at his facility if CAN's get a raise, he will not be able to reach an economy of scale to give raises to upper level staff; it will be, to him, an unfunded mandate that nursing homes will not be able to cover the gap
 - Joe reported that RCIL will be supporting a grant based on Alzheimer's Education & Training for rural areas. Some agencies on the Council have sent in letters of support. Joe also discussed plans he may develop with Montgomery Co. OFA to open a SADC. More to come on this.
 - Shery reported that SNAP/Food Stamps has seen a reduction in cases and that the eligibility is changing; HEAP is still open
 - Jennifer reported that the Senate is in session and in March revenue will be set in the 2016 State Budget. She invited us to visit the Johnstown office for discussions on Community issues.
 - Robin reported that she now works at St. Johnsville Nursing Home and that she wanted us to know that there is an increase in residents from Fulton County. She provided informational folders for those in attendance and some people took additional copies for their staff. She stated, too, that St. Johnsville NH will accept bariatric patients and they have a contract with the VA.
 - Charmaine commented on MLTC's and how ALTC works with the Maximus Conflict Free Case Management for appropriate referrals;

she stated that ALTC does have some cases for level 1 care. She hopes interconnectedness via technology will assist us all in the future.

→ Maggie reported that MLTC billing issues still a problem for her program and that she has just been involved with Frontier (telephone) Lifeline issues as people often misunderstand that NLH Lifeline is not the same as the telephone discount. Andrea also reported that the OFA had very similar issues related to denials by Frontier for recertifications due to small issues which result in clients having to pay more than \$30 additional on their phone bills.

- Adjourned at 10:10am