

# Fulton Co. Long Term Care Council

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

## **April 16, 2015**

8:30 a.m.

### **AGENDA**

- Welcome!
- Introductions
- Health Care Decision Making information sharing
- Connecting Our Generations event update
- DSRIP
- NYConnects
- Agency updates
- Future meeting days:
  - Saturday, May 20, 2015 FMCC Generations Event
  - Thursday, September 17, 2015
  - Thursday, November 19, 2015
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### **Minutes**

- Andrea welcomed all in attendance and thanked them for continuing to be part this Council.
- Those in attendance introduced themselves: Christina Akey, Fulton County Public Health; Claudette Royal, NLH discharge planning; Kelly Boudreau, Fulton Center; Teresa Davis, Fulton Center; Maggie Luck, NLH/Lifeline; Andrea Fettinger, Fulton Co. Office for Aging/Youth; Mary Peterson, Lexington; Karen Thayer, RRDS; Judy Bovee, FCDSS; Rebecca Lynch, Community Health Center; Joe Franco, Resource Center for Independent Living
- Andrea shared the Health Care Decision Making information that was provided by Mountain Valley Hospice. She explained that Hospice was doing outreach at the following locations in Fulton Co. today: Johnstown Senior Center, Petoff Garden Apartments, Red Rooster Café and Forest Hill Towers. The 5 Wishes replaces any health care proxy/living will.
- Maggie Luck provided an update on the Connecting Our Generations event. She handed out posters to all in attendance and will begin distributing to other locations in both counties. A preliminary list of exhibitors was sent around. Agencies can still sign up to have a table.
- DSRIP project via Adirondack Health was briefly explained by Christina Akey with regard to the segment that Fulton Co. Public Health will be involved in. She said that tele-health (different from tele-medicine) will be the focus of certain funding the FCPH will receive from DSRIP. Technology will be available for patients in their homes to communicate with health

practitioners to prevent unnecessary travel to/from ER, or hospital. It is possible that a similar system would be created for Corrections and Mental Health evaluations, but this is only in the talking stages.

- Andrea briefly gave a NYConnects update stating that NYSOFA has decided to utilize one database program Peer Place; some counties will need to switch (Fulton County is one of the counties that will need to switch) to Peer Place and there will be a learning curve. A benefit of Peer Place will be that the system already has in place the ability to upload services directory and other pertinent reports for NYConnects among others. Andrea reminded the Council that the LTC Council is a requirement for counties to continue to receive funds. Also, she reminded the Council that Fulton County has had a group such as this one since 1985, and we are used as a model for other counties.
- Agency updates
  - Public Health: 250 pets were seen at the 4/15/15 Rabies clinic; it went very well. They are excited about the Connecting Our Generations event and will have various tables of information. Christina will be attending a workshop on “Social Media and Disaster Preparedness”.
  - NLH/Discharge planning: Currently the office is down to one social worker and they are recruiting for a second. Hot topic issue continues to be Observation Status. They no longer hold d/c planning meetings, however, daily grand rounds are held with many internal hospital disciplines making visits to patient rooms. They have had many nursing home placements recently.
  - Fulton Center: Kelly, new marketing specialist/external case manager, said she was happy to be a member of the Council and hopes she can connect with other agencies to get the word out about Fulton Center. There are many renovations ongoing, including the lobby and resident rooms. It was noted that environmental changes are one thing and patient care is another. Some Council members shared how they felt about certain issues and Kelly welcomed the comments so she can bring back the concerns to Fulton Center Administration. It was suggested that Fulton Center reach out to Physicians in the community such as Dr. Thakker and Dr. Hassam so they are aware of the changes and to give them assurance that patient care has improved. Another

suggestion was that Fulton Center could be more proactive in the training it provides its caregivers, such as how to handle TBI residents and how to care for residents who have other medical or mental health issues that are not the norm for nursing homes. In addition, due to the case mix at Fulton Center, its rating on Nursing Home compare is not a positive one, and since family caregivers use the internet to check things like that prior to placing parents or other loved ones, the Center should be prepared to explain how that works.

- Maggie reported that there is not much new to Lifeline department, but a discussion ensued about MLTC and MMLTC.
- Lexington: Mary Peterson provided a handout and booklet related to the new Transitions project undertaken by the Lexington Foundation. This Center is located in the previous Delaney/Tetrattech building off of Route 30 near Mayfield.
- RRDS: Karen explained that 2 grants were received and RRDS will be doing the Community Health Advocate program and ICAN (similar to Empire Justice Center, Muriel Miller). RRDS continues to do the Money follows the person program, NHTD, TBI waivers. Karen mentioned that in the NHTD there are 810 consumers and in the TBI 210.
- RCIL: Joe Franco thanked everyone for welcoming him to the Council. He is the Site Coordinator for the Amsterdam Office. He stated that they have 3 full time advocates, 2 Medicaid Service Coordinators, provider for NHTD, Family support Respite and other programs. Their primary core service is Advocacy. He is interested in creating a Transportation committee soon.

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- Meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

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