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Fulton Co. Long Term Care Council

May 16, 2024

Fulton Co. Office for Aging

Notes

Attendees:

Neal Vanslyke	wells nursing home
Dennis Wilson	Fulmont Community Action Agency
Meagan Demento	Alzheimers Center
Bethany Porter	NLH
Pam Curtis	Fulton Center
maggie Rowley	NLH
Rachel Truckenmiller	HFM Prevention Council
Ernest Gagnon	FCMH
Laurel Headwell	Public health
Kara Travis	Mountain Valley Hospice
Andrea Fettinger	Fulton Co. Office for Aging & Youth
Polly Saltsman	Fulton Co. Office for Aging & Youth

- Andrea welcomed all present and members introduced themselves.
- NYConnects Updates from Polly & Howard
 - Howard did not attend meeting, however, Polly explained the NYConnects program and offered information about upcoming public education sessions.
- Suggested Topics for Discussion:
 - State Budget
 - General discussion about how healthcare/aging/long term care did not fare well this budget season

- Advocacy
 - Wells House, Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care and the Office for Aging have been working with their respective associations to raise awareness about needs of the disciplines.
- Homelessness/Code Blue
 - General conversation about status of homelessness in the county and the use of code blue.
 - There seems to be an increase in homeless of all ages
 - Code blue shelter only open when it is below 32F during winter season
 - Everyone around the table states homelessness touches each agency
- Housing Options around the county
 - Brief conversation about lack of affordable housing for older adults (and others)
 - County may be looking at a few new apartment complexes to be built in the future in the Town of Johnstown.
- Transportation options around the county
 - City Transit and taxi services available
 - OFA bus transport Monday – Friday limited on demand for older adults
 - Non-Medicaid Medical rides for older adults for out of county appointments available via OFA
 - Still seem to be lacking service to assist many
- Countywide staffing issues – not just government – status – will keep this on the agenda for the long term
 - County staffing issues continue – DSS had over 20 vacancies recently
 - Many other organizations having challenges hiring new staff
- Meeting adjourned at 9:15am
- Next Meeting: Thursday, July 18, 2024, 8:30am at OFA