

INDEPENDENT COUNCIL ON AGING

12/4/20

11:30am

Zoom

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Carolyn DiMattio and Trevor Pearson

SPEAKER: VA Medical Center Sharon, Tricia Stritzinger, Michelle Carpin

- Serves 21,000+ veterans and 800+ Employees
- 5 star facility
- Caregiver Support Program (6 social workers, nurse, program assistant): Program of Comprehensive Assistance for family caregivers
- PCAFC: Veterans injured in the line of duty 5/7/75 and before along with post 9/11
 - Education and Training
 - Access to Healthcare Insurance
 - Mental Health Counseling
 - Enhanced respite
 - Travel & Per diem compensation
 - Financial planning and legal services
 - Eligibility: Single or combined service connected disability rating of 70% or more; Need personal care minimum of 6 continuous months; must receive care at home
 - Receives ongoing care from VA
 - Needs to be assessed by various clinicians
- PGCSS: Provides supportive services
 - Education/support
 - Resources/Referrals
 - Outreach
 - Collaborations and Partnerships
 - Eligibility: Any Caregiver of a veteran due to personal care needs or need for supervision/protection, Service connection disability does not apply
 - Support Groups
 - www.caregiver.va.gov for more info
 - Caregiver Support Line 1-855-260-3274
- Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)
 - Eligibility: Clinical need, veteran centered and comprehensive team approach to caring for Veterans at home
 - NP, nurses, SW, OT, dieticians, Psychologist
 - Cost is determined by Service Connected disability rating and priority group

- Homemaker/Home Health aide
 - Eligibility: Enrolled/active with VA provider, requires personal care assistance
 - Parameters: 2 hrs. in duration 2-3 visits per week for personal care. Hours based on assessment. Maximum is 10 hrs. per week
 - Cost \$15 per visit. Some veterans have copay based upon VA eligibility
- Respite
 - Eligibility: Enrolled/active with VA provider, have chronic illness/condition requiring assistance, live at home, have a non-reimbursed caregiver
 - Max number of days 30
 - In Home: up to 6 hrs. per day, cost can be up to \$15 per day
 - In Facility: 1 day up to \$97 per day
- Adult Day Services
 - Eligibility: Enrolled/active with VA Provider, disabling illness/condition, requires assistance with his/her care needs, be medically/behaviorally stable
- Community Living Center/Contract SNF
 - Eligibility: Need SNF care for service connected disability or single combined service connected disability rating of 70% or greater

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sister Pat Hause

- 37 Participants for this meeting

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kathy Soudan

- Speaker for January is Craig Stevens on Music Therapy

TREASURER'S REPORT: Wendy Wallace

- See attached report

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Stephanie Garcia

- If anyone is not getting e-mails please let Stephanie know at sgarcia@hands-erie.org

MEMBER'S AT LARGE: Carolyn DiMattio and Trevor Pearson

- Nothing to report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Amy Chevalier

- 55 paid members
- Will hopefully have directory sent out by next General Meeting in January

ARTS AND CULTURE REPORT: Ray and Mary Beth not present

- Nothing to report

VALENTINES DAY SENIOR LUNCHEON: Kathy Soudan

- Still on schedule for Feb with Convention Center
- Looking at maybe some alternative ideas at next Board Meeting

COMIC RELIEF: Ameer Weislogel

- We can reschedule event anytime and not lose deposit

BY-LAWS: Amy Chevalier

- Nothing to report

ELDER JUSTICE: Pasquale Casane

- Will meet to discuss further after New Year
- Have not lost any speakers or sponsors

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Pam Marlowe

- Nothing to report

GUIDES TO SERVICES: Todd Kuzdzal

- Will get with Wendy to see who hasn't paid

FINANCE: Wendy Wallace

- Books are still being reviewed by new tax accountant

LEGISLATION: Matt Trott not present

- Nothing to report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Trevor Pearson

- Will call Carol Donlin to learn duties

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mary Johnson from the Health Dept. shared update on Active Elders Series. This will be 60 minute program: Active Elders: At Home but not forgotten. Air dates and times:
 - Thurs. Jan 7th at 8pm
 - Sun. Jan 10th at 2pm
 - Sun. Feb. 21st at 3pm
 - On WQLN PBS Channel 54
- Jeff Duncan: Royal HHC Services: Working with Erie Downtown Partnerships. Brought up difficulty with lack of caregivers. Proposal made to use Avalon for Community College

- Ann Flick: Blue Christmas will be a virtual event this year; SSJ Thanksgiving dinners went great (11,003)
- In Dec. we always select 3 nonprofits that we donate to. Because of COVID we decided to use cost of 1 month's lunches and divide it up (\$600 total: each organization will get \$200 a piece). 3 Nonprofits chosen was Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army, and Julia's Hospice and Palliative Care. Checks will be going out

NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Next GSWA meeting will be via Zoom on Thursday, Dec. 10th at 2:30pm, if need link let Ann Flick know
- Carol Donlin said good-bye will be retiring this month. Congrats Carol!

Motion to Adjourn: Patrice Mitchell and Kathy Soudan

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, December 17th 2020 8am via Zoom

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, January 8th 2020 11:30am via Zoom

Minutes Submitted by Stephanie Garcia Secretary

**Independent Council on Aging
Treasurer's Report for the Membership
December 4, 2020**

Previous Report Balance: \$35,184.38 from November 6, 2020 General Meeting.

Income from Sponsorships and Memberships:

Deposits: **\$ 340.15**
 Memberships: \$340.15

Expenses:

Deductions: **\$ 633.21**
 Annual Liability Insurance: \$560.00
 Verizon Phone Bill: \$ 73.21

Current Bank Balance: **\$34,891.32**

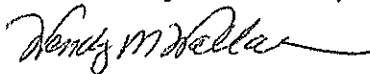
Outstanding Checks Not Reflected on This Balance: \$825.00

Ck #5059: \$100.00 Refunded Elder Justice Conf. Sponsorship
Ck #5066: \$75.00 Art Show Winner Perowicz
Ck# 5074: \$50.00 Art Show Winner Welte
Ck# 5094: \$200.00 Julia's Hospice (Christmas Donation)
Ck# 5095: \$200.00 Salvation Army (Christmas Donation)
Ck# 5097: \$200.00 Meals on Wheels Erie (Christmas Donation)

Outstanding Deposits not Reflected in This Balance: \$85.00

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Respectfully Submitted,



Wendy M. Wallace, ICA Treasurer