

Advisory Council Meeting
September 11, 2023
BC Library, 185 Court Street, Binghamton

In attendance: Dr. Youjung Lee, Major Barnett, Sue Thrasher, Suzanne Sullivan, Katie Legg, Maria Motsavage, Jerry Willard, Sally Hoffman, Kathy Bunnell, Carolyn Price, Dr. John Kang, Dr. Angela Riley

OFA staff in attendance: Mary Turbush, Lucia Esposito

Motion to approve meeting minutes from April: Kathy Bunnell. Second motion by Sally Hoffman. Meeting minutes were approved.

Director's Report:

- Mary included the 3-year progress report for the AARP Age Friendly Project in the email sent to the council members. This report is also available on OFA's website. We will continue age-friendly planning and have a staff person at OFA who coordinates these activities and stays up to date on what improvements take place in the community.
- We continue to recruit new FGs to meet our targeted numbers for this program.
- The Adult day program is not funded with funding specifically provided to other social adult daycare programs overseen by NYSOFA. BCOFA uses other funding sources to cover the expenses for running these two sites. Recently there were changes in how we provide this service if we have clients who are MLTC funded. This led to OFA deciding not to contract with MLTC plans for the social adult daycare program. OFA is now in discussion with NYSOFA to change how we label our program to allow us more flexibility and how we operate this program. If this change is approved our service would be moved to Group Respite. Nothing would change in the provision of service but would mean that we wouldn't have to follow NYS Dept of Health guidelines set for the Social Adult Day care programs.

- Bus Ambassador Program: an older adult who lives at Marian Apartments has been trained and will continue to work with Getthere to do trainings at other buildings owned by SEPP.
- OFA minibus service: BC Transit has recently changed their reservation phone number. Clients now need a Client ID and password to reserve their rides.
- Lourdes Senior Care: working with their team on establishing a relationship between OFA and Lourdes Senior care as they grow in the community after their opening in the summer of 2023.
- State budget will provide us with an increase in funding for 24/25 including the In home services EISEP funding
- Four-year plan: council members had a chance to review the last update to the 4-year plan (the 2023/2024 update). We will be working on the 2024-2028 Four-year plan soon and will need council members to approve it.
- Dr. Kun Wang who is our new nominee for the Advisory Council starting in January of 2024.

Motion to approve Dr. Wang to the council was made by Maria Motsavage.

Second motion was made by Sue Thrasher

All were in favor.

Council Members provided their updates.

Meeting adjourned at 1.30pm.

Next meeting: December 11th, 2023, at the BC Library