

Tier I Minutes
Tuesday, December 4, 2018

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Updates:

SHOUT OUTS!!!

- This months Shout Out!!! George Roets just completed a Youth Mental Health First Aid training.

DSS

- HEAP is still open to apply for assistance. Applications can be filled out at DSS or online.
- Money is still available for the furnace repair program.
- There are always spots open in the child care grant. The guidelines have changed and now include families that are going back to school.
- DSS may have some gift cards available for anyone that is in need of assistance for Christmas help.
- Free hats and mittens are available at the Living Well.

Child & Family Resources, Healthy Families

- Still taking referrals for any expecting parents. Referrals can be sent directly to Teresa Deacon or to Child and Family Resources, attention Colleen Scott.

Veterans Affairs

- Phil Rouin announced the Yates Veterans office now has a social worker intern in their office and he has a service dog. The intern will primarily be responsible for outreach.
- The van from the Vet Center will be at the Lyons National Bank on Tuesday, December 12 from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm. The service is primarily for combat veterans, but family members can also learn more about what the VA has to offer.
- In December a TMS (Trans-Cranial Magnetic Stimulation) machine will become available. This instrument helps to treat Veterans with severe depression when medication has not proved effective. Treatment is 4 to 6 weeks duration. The VA reports great success using this treatment. Housing will be made available to Veterans with transportation issues.
- Coumadin monitoring will be done via VA telehealth, meaning less trips for VA appointments.
- The VA has a Mobile Outreach Team with dedicated social workers that can go into the community to meet with a Veteran during a crisis period. A Mental Health Assessment can be done and assistance provided to help the person get to the VA for treatment if necessary.

See attached flyer.

Aspire Hope NY, Inc. (formerly Finger Lakes Parent Network)

- Finger Lakes Parents Network has retired its name and is now known as Aspire Hope New York.
- The program serves families with children who have emotional, behavioral and intellectual challenges.
- Peer support services will be Medicaid billable by August 2019.
- All services are free and voluntary.

Catholic Charities

- Looking for any families that would like to join their Permanency Program for adopted or guardianship families.

Keuka Housing

- Dennis Cote, Project Manager for Keuka Housing, joined the Tier I meeting for the first time.
- All ESSHI (Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative) apartments are rented out and there is now a wait list.

Safe Harbors

- The first women's support group in Yates County will help December 4 for survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault.
- The Human Trafficking Advocate started a couple of weeks ago. She will be doing outreach in the rural areas.

Yates County Work Force Development

- Work Force Development has bought an unlimited license for free online learning for Yates County residents. The license is good for one year. Log onto yates.skillupamerica.org to sign up and start taking courses.
- Still recruiting for the year-round Employment Assistance Program, ages 16 – 24 years old. This is for individuals that have graduated or not graduated from high school and need assistance in preparing for the job market, need to connect with high school equivalency classes, etc. They must have a second barrier, such as pregnancy, have a disability, offender status, etc. to get into the program. If you have anyone to recommend to the program, contact Christine Yonge at Work Force Development. Or, go to the yatescounty.org website and look under Work Force Development youth page for the application.
- Work Force Development still has training funds available for short term training. Contact Lisa Principio to see if there is a program available and if the individual is eligible for the funding.

See attached

Yates Public Health

- This is National Flu Week – a good time to get your flu shot, if you have not already done so!
- Kristen Wagner is now certified as a lactation counselor. Public Health can now offer free home visits for breast feeding support for moms. Public Health has met with all the agencies in the community that offer maternal child health services. They are working on a multi-agency flyer for providers that work with new moms.

Fidelis Care

- Open enrollment for Medicare is still open until Friday December 7th.
- The Yates Christmas Program will be taking place Wednesday, December 5th and Thursday, December 06 at the Armory.
- Tracy Clark will be at the Dundee Food Pantry Thursday, December 20th.
- Tracy has tissue packs and bags to hand out if anyone needs them.

ProAction Office for the Aging

- There was no food distribution in November for the Dundee Mobile Food Pantry due to Food Link not sending a truck. The next distribution is scheduled for Friday, December 14th. The original date had been advertised for December 21st. If you know people that go to the Dundee Mobile Food Pantry, please let them know of the change of date.

ProAction WIC

- WIC recently got a grant from Hunger Solutions for WIC outreach in Yates and Steuben counties. One in every two individuals eligible for benefits are not receiving them. Amanda Dowdle will be doing outreach in both counties to learn why this happens and to get more individuals signed up.

ProAction NOEP (Nutrition Outreach & Education Program)

- There are new income guidelines for SNAP.

See attached information

The Living Well

- The Living Well is trying to help people with outstanding heating bills in order for those people to be able to get delivery that is covered under HEAP.
- Every 3rd Thursday evening the New Hope Cancer Care Support Group meets.
- They are entering their 3rd month at St. Paul's Lutheran Church dementia and early stage Alzheimer patients. This is a free drop-in program for caregivers to bring their loved ones for 4 hours to allow caregivers respite time. Within the year they expect to be set up with at least four other church locations within the county.

- A bereavement support group will be starting up in January. This will be held the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

See attached flyer

Finger Lakes Caregiver Institute at Lifespan (Partnering with the Alzheimer's Association)

- They work with anyone with memory loss.
- A presentation, Dementia Conversations, will be held December 11, 6:00 – 7:00 pm at the Penn Yan Public Library. Pre-registration is required. Some of the topics of importance to caregivers regarding their loved ones are legal and financial planning, difficult conversations such as driving, etc.

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence – Rochester Area, Finger Lakes Addiction Resource Center

- Erin Egoff, FLARC Coordinator from NCADD – RA attended the meeting for the first time. Her agency covers nine counties in the Finger Lakes Region and are looking to identify existing resources within communities identify gaps in referral resources and develop referral resource directories for each county.

See attached flyer.

Presentation: There was no presenter this month.

Trainings, Workshops, etc. Dementia Conversations, will be held December 11, 6:00 – 7:00 pm at the Penn Yan Public Library. Pre-registration required.

Community Needs:

Other notes:

Presenters for the following months are:

- **February: The Living Well**

If you would like to present or hear from a specific agency, please contact Jill Dillon at Jillian.Dillon@dfa.state.ny.us. If you have anything to share with the group before our next meeting please e-mail the information to Ann Edwards-Dickerson at edwards-dickersona@proactioninc.org

Next Meeting: February 5, 2019

*****There is no meeting in January as the first Tuesday is also New Year's Day*****

Respectfully submitted,
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