

Tier I Minutes
Tuesday, February 5, 2019

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Updates:

SHOUT OUTS!!! - Joy Penna-Giustiniani, Aspire Hope New York, gave a "Shout Out" for all those that have come to speak at their support groups.

Yates Public Health

- A free rabies clinic will be held March 6th, 7:00p to 8:00p.
- Any agency interested in a presentation on lead prevention, etc. call Public Health, 315-521-5928.
- Call the office to ask about their tobacco cessation class.
- Free Radon kits are available for residents of Yates County by contacting Yates County Public Health.

WIC Help NY

- There is a new campaign, Ready Set Grow with WIC. WIC is looking for opportunities for outreach, education, networking and to provide presentations.

See attached flyer.

Comfort Keepers

- Roger Duncan will be taking over as the new owner of Comfort Keepers.

Alzheimer's Association

- Working to reach out to new people in Yates County and doing outreach for volunteers to help within the agency.
- The association is eager to set up education classes in Yates to do staff education, volunteer and families in need of training.
- Contact the Alzheimer's Association if you would like to set up trainings/presentations.

Child & Family Resources, Healthy Families

- They have the Yates County Car Seat Project. If you know anybody that is expecting you can connect them to CFR, Colleen Scot at colleen.scott@cfresources.org. For those that receive WIC they can get a free car seat. There is a small fee for those not receiving WIC.
- The Pin Wheels event is being planned for April. Anyone interested in collaborating with this project contact Teresa Deacon at teresa.deacon@cfresources.org.

New York Council on Problem Gambling – Finger Lakes Problem, Gambling Resource Center

- David Young and Sarah Bryan attended the Tier I meeting for the first time.
- New York Council on Problem Gambling is based in Rochester. They have recently opened the Finger Lakes Problem Gambling Resource Center, covering the entire Finger Lakes area, to bring awareness to gambling addictions.
- The agency is looking to connect people with clinicians in their area and are looking for clinicians in all the areas they cover.
- The service is free and no barriers to care. If you are interested in scheduling a presentation contact Sarah Bryant at SBryant@nyproblemgambling.org.

Veterans Affairs

- The Veterans Service agency can assist with filing claims, enrollment in VA health care, burial benefits, education, home loans.
- They have an application in with the state for a Peer to Peer program. Once funds are received the agency will be available to any veteran of any gender.
- The agency is asking everyone to continue to encourage Yates County veterans to enroll with the VA. The more vets identified in Yates County the more money that comes into the VA to help support the veterans.

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

- Joy Penna-Giustimani provided her new phone number, 585-683-1817.

Fatherhood Connections

- A new group starts February 7th at 6:00p at the Care Net office. Care Net has offered the use of their space to Fatherhood Connections for free to hold their meetings.
- Males, teens on up, are welcome to the group. Teens need parental consent.
- Referrals are welcome.

Keuka Housing

- Tuesday, February 26th a new First Time Home Buyers Class will be starting up and will be held for four weeks.
- Credit and budgeting classes are still going on.

See attached flyers

Safe Harbors

- April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month. Updates will be coming for events to be held in April.

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.
- Summer work applications for youths, ages 14 to 20, will be available in April.
- There is now a set schedule for the Life skills and Job Readiness Training, Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- HSE (formerly called GED) classes are held every Monday and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and are open to anyone of any age.
- Work Force Development still has training funds available for short term training (less than 2 years). Contact Lisa Principio to see if there is a program available and if the individual is eligible for the funding.

See attached flyer

Finger Lakes Community Health

- Appointments for New York State of Health Insurance and facilitated enrollment for Medicaid unit at DSS can be made by calling Helpline 211.
- The Baby Café is now every Thursday at the Penn Yan Library, 9:30a.m. – 11:00a.m.
- Autumn White is the local Fresh Air Fund representative. If you know of anybody that wants to host a city child for 1 or 2 weeks this summer, contact Autumn.

Elmira Psychiatric Center

- Jamie Bond, Care Manager, has openings for kids with behavioral health issues and can use help with linkage to services, advocacy, problem solving and ally, etc.
- If a child does not have Medicaid, contact Jamie Bond via email or call Carol Schreiner for a referral to SPOA.

Fidelis Care

- February is Dental Health Awareness Month. Looking for opportunities to present to children and bring in dental kits and do some activities.

CARE Net Penn Yan

- OH Baby!! classes start again Thursday, April 18th. This is a free, six week class for new moms with a baby 6 months or younger or women that are pregnant. By attending 5 out of 6 classes, participants are eligible for a new car seat or Pack and Play or a basket full of baby items. Applications are being accepted now.
- Community classes are held the last Wednesday of every month through October. Classes are free. Local agencies come in to present and share information on what their agency provides the community. Attendees can receive a voucher for CNPY material aid room. If you are interested in presenting, contact Kahla Dombrowski at pcckahla@hotmail.com. There are 6 slots still open. And, remember to refer people to the program!

See attached flyers

Our Town Rocks

- March Fairy Tale event to be held on March 16th in Dundee.

Rise and Shine Clothes Closet

- Amy Taft attended the Tier I meeting for the first time and shared information on a the free clothing donation center.

See attached flyer.

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

- Jessie Gyr is now the Respite Coordinator for Finger Lakes Caregiver Institute. Her focus is on connecting families with paid respite options and on volunteer respite.
- The agency provides free support services for caregivers and for loved ones with memory loss. They also work with families one on one to look at what their current needs are and to plan for future needs.

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

- Erin Egloff is working on a directory of physicians, nurse practitioners and others who are wavered to prescribe medically assisted treatment for substance abuse disorders. Erin is having a hard time finding providers names. If you know of anybody contact Erin at eegloff@depaul.org.

Presentation: The Living Well

Presentors: Kim Lyons and Babs Steinert

- The Living Well is a community outreach program that came about as the Red Cross was closing in the Penn Yan area. They are umbrellaed under the Penn Yan United Methodist Church. The Penn Yan Council of Churches, other agencies, including The Once Again Shop and private donors help support this community resource.
- There are 3 permanent staff and a multitude of volunteer staff that donate their time.
- The Living Well provides emergency food for those in need, personal items such as soap, deodorant, shampoo, diapers, laundry detergent, etc.
- They also have space to offer to other others such as Fidelis, NEOP, HEAP, etc. so people can come in and meet with them.
- The agency works to connect people with other community resources that may be able to help such as with eviction notices, food resources, and many other issues. They are able to advocate for people with their landlord, utility company, and so on.
- Bag lunches are offered the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Crockpot meals are also offered on alternate Wednesdays.

- During the week of February 18th schools will be closed and children will not have access to morning meals at their schools. The Living Well has coordinated with the First Presbyterian Church to provide breakfast, Monday – Friday of that week and will be open 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. The Living Well is also working with Aldis to get vouchers to help supply food for families while children are on school vacation.
- A 40 Days of Lent Calendar has been devised to help replenish needed items for their pantry. An Advent Calendar was done at Christmas time and they had great success with it.
- The New Hope Cancer Care Support Group has just started their third year. This support group is for cancer patients and caregivers to help ease their burdens. Some of the things that are offered are gas cards, home visits, help in getting their homes cleaned. Contact The Living Well if you know of anyone that could use additional support.
- The Bereavement Support Group is a new group in conjunction with Rev. Lori Nickoloff at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. This is for people that have lost a loved one and are in need of support. The group meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at The Living Well, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday February 13th.
- Paul's Place is a free drop in respite program for early stage Alzheimer's and dementia patients. This program began to take shape in September 2018 and opened for the first time in October. They currently meet once a month on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. They currently have 5 members. Their goal is for a maximum of 8 members. In March they will be expanding into the Dundee area at the United Methodist Church. February 14th there will be a Keeping Faith in Mind workshop at the church at 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Alzheimer's Association, Caregiver Association and Dr. Cynthia Huling Hummel will be presenters.
- Their goal is to offer one place each week throughout Yates County a respite program.
- *See attached flyers.*
- **Trainings, Workshops, etc.** February 14th, Keeping Faith in Mind workshop at the United Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Alzheimer's Association, Caregiver Association and Dr. Cynthia Huling Hummel will be presenters.

Community Needs: None

Other notes:

Presenters for the following months are:

- March: Rise & Shine Clothes Closet

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: March 5, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Edwards-Dickerson
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