

Office for the Aging Advisory Council Report

On the 16 September 2016 Meeting

To Taghkanic Town Board

The Advisory Council of the Office for the Aging met on Friday, 16 September 2016. It was the first of three scheduled fall meetings. The meeting was held at the Albert Tripp Nutrition Site in Philmont, NY.

Announcement:

Golden Gathering will be held on October 15th at Columbia Greene Community College from 9:30AM to 12:30PM. A lot of good information is available at this event.

Agency News:

- ◆ **OFA:** The “Columbia County 2017 Reach Program” provided by the Trinity United Methodist Church in Hudson will bring a large group of young people to Columbia County to spend some time doing home repairs such as roofing, painting and ramps. There has been good response to date and applications are accepted through the end of October. Copies are available in Town Hall or by calling the OFA office at 828-4258.
- ◆ **DSS:** New Intake rooms are ready now. They provide for improved security and privacy. Also, there have been several workshops on the issue of Elder Abuse of several kinds: financial and physical abuse and neglect. The goal is to raise awareness and facilitate discussion on ways to prevent and address such abuse.

Council Reports:

- ◆ The proposed Constitution and By-Laws change was approved unanimously. The change was made to accept an alternate member to serve in the event that both representatives are not able to go to the meeting.
- ◆ The Council’s Program Development Committee reported on summer work on the new initiative currently entitled *Safe At Home*. Its purpose is to address unmet needs and affordability of non-medical services to underserved areas of Columbia County. Transportation and in-home services are a few of the areas of concern.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be 21 October 2016 at the OFA office in Hudson.

Respectfully submitted,

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7 October 2016