

LTCC Quarterly Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2021 10:00 am

45 Zoom users were logged on to the video conference.

Jordyn Avery, Lisa Baker, Patricia Barron, Catherine Bearor, Renee Birnbaum, Charissa Brown, Carrie Brownell, Richard Cardiff, Kimberly Comisky, Sara Desimone, Bennet F. Driscoll, Abigail Eichler, Jen Frigolette, MaryBeth Fitscher, Nilda Giraldi, Nancy Grosselfinger, Hanna Hall, Kim Heunemann, Meghan Lovering, Melissa McAleer, Jamie McAuliffe, Colleen McCool, Max McDonnell, Cynthia Mitchell, Jennifer Newberry, Deanna Park, Julie Pearl, Pat Pfeifer, Brandy Richards, Elimarie Espino Sepulveda, JoAnna Sheridan, Audrey Shaw, Jodie Smitt, Kim Sopczyk, Maria Spagnola, Laura Stebbins, Lindsay Stanislawsky, James Swanson, Joan Tarantino, Lisa Voititz, 518-262-4000, 518-487-9670, 518-588-2647, 518-824-8815
Cynthia Mitchell, the Chair opened the meeting at 10:03 am

Dee Park moved acceptance of the minutes from the previous quarterly meeting.

Ben Driscoll seconded the motion, and the minutes were received unanimously by the LTCC membership.

Presentations:

Pat Pfeifer - Open Doors program from NYAIL - NY Association for Independent Living based at the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley

Transitioning people from nursing home to community living - 545 individuals were transitioned last year

Pat explained that Independent Living Centers assist persons with disabilities and older adults to live more independently. SAIL Southern Adirondack Independent Living Center is located in Queensbury and Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley is located in Troy.

Transition specialists work with the resident, skilled nursing facilities, family members and other agencies to assess a person's ability to live in the community and what resources they would need to be able to do so. Then the specialists assist the person in transitioning and receiving appropriate services. Olmstead Housing Subsidy is able to provide housing benefits for those who transition.

Referrals: ilny.org; 518-465-4650; info@ilny.org

Kim Heunemann - Prospect School

They built a respite home on Aviation Road in Queensbury. They are hoping to open it in September. They are not offering in home respite at this time.

Services which are being offered

- Senior adult services
- After schoolwork respite program
- Intensive Behavioral Services
- Residential services
- There is a residential home for 8 persons locally.
- Adult services include day habilitation services and rehabilitation services
- Move program enables people who utilize wheelchairs to be able to move and stand without a chair.
- Camps
- Clover Patch - autism focused, day camps this season because of Covid.
- Camp Spectacular

- Community Habilitation
- Behavioral Health Services and Intensive Behavioral Services
- Medical, Dental care
- St. Margaret Center - pediatric nursing home
- Kevin G. Langan School - focused on students with autism
- Stepping Stones Preschool

Referrals: CFDSNY.org, 518-437-5600, services@cfdsny.org

Lisa Weititz - Chaplain and Deputy Director of NE NY for the New York State Chaplain Task Force (NYSCTF).

This group provides support for first responders and essential personnel. They offer chaplain support for groups and gatherings that might need chaplain presence. They also can offer chaplain services to others who have needs. They are an interfaith agency that assists everyone, regardless of their faith system.

Contact information: 518-683-3273, chaplainlisaw@gmail.com

Overview of LTCC initiatives or issues

- reminder to sign up for Memberplanet to be able to access a member directory and agency event information.
- other issues or discussions?

Agency introductions and updates

Closing - Cynthia Mitchell

Renee Birnbaum moved to close the meeting, Joan Tarantino seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.

The Chair closed the meeting at 11:25am.

Sincerely,
James Swanson
LTCC Secretary