

LTCC Quarterly Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2022 10:00 am

43 Zoom users were logged on to the video conference.

Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, Cassandra Becker, Maria Spagnolia, Cynthia Mitchell, Phyllis Panetta, Dee Park, Stephanie Raney, Hanna Hall, Lindsay Stanislawsky, Rachel Paradis, Janet, Richelle Ives-Archard, Trish McKinney, Kym Hance, Pat Baron, Sarah, Keane Jones, Teresa Depaul, Jamie Munyon, Kim Sopczyk, Jason McLaughlin, Tanya Vasak, Heather Whitney, Ben Driscoll, Cathy Bearor, Brandy Richards, Bonnie(Haynes House), Sara DeSimone, Kristen Osterhoudt, Matthew Ryan, RoseAnn O'Rourke-Taft, Elizabeth Cox, Jamie McAuliffe, Brenda(FSA), Carrie Brownell, Dianne Palermo, Linda Law, Julie Pearl, Michelle Smith, Chaplain Lisa, Anthony L, Cynthia Coulter, Stephanie Belden

Cynthia Mitchell, Chair opened the meeting at 10:07 am

Deanna Park moved acceptance of the minutes from the previous quarterly meeting. Stephanie Raney seconded the motion and the minutes were received unanimously by the LTCC membership.

LTCC Digest

- Please send any updates/information you would like included in the newsletter to: info@wwhlccc.org
- Send to LTCC – 1st and 3rd Monday of month
- We are hoping to create a minutes corner for smaller groups to share their minutes so other groups can see what is going on in other meetings or groups.
- We would also like to create a kids corner for our younger population.

We are recording these meetings and placing them on You Tube channel

Presentations: Community Connections – Addressing Homelessness

The Open Door Mission – Jamie Munyon

The Open Door Mission serves people experiencing hardships as a result of poverty. We fight hunger through our Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry, address unemployment through our Work Force Development Program, and tackle the cycles of poverty through our Transitional Shelter's Life Path Program, which educates and equips people for a sustainable lifestyle.

Review of Life Path Program – 8 steps, there may be a waiting list, but the length of time is difficult to determine based on various circumstances.

Jamie's Email Address: jamie@Opendoor-ny.org

WAIT House – Jason McLaughlin & Tanya Vasak

The mission of WAIT House is to provide stability to youth who present as homeless. This will be accomplished through the immediate provision of coordinated services, reunification of families where appropriate, and the provision of supervised emergency and transitional housing, with the goal of personal responsibility and self-sufficiency. WAIT House services include: Crisis shelter services Program; Transitional Living Program; Anti-Trafficking Program; Street Outreach Program; Permanent Housing Program; Care Management Program; Independent Living Skills Program; Intensive Case Management services

Typically for those 16-24 years of age; Maximum length of stay is 60 days, but may be extended up to 120 days

Reviewed Independent Living Program; Outreach Center (Anti-Trafficking Program) and Care Management Program.

Jason's Email Address: director@hycwaithouse.org.

Tanya's Email Address: tvasak@hycwaithouse.org.

Family Service Association of Glens Falls, Inc – Kim Sopczyk

Is a non-profit organization serving Warren, Washington and N Saratoga Counties. We help people in a situation that is beyond their resources and guide them toward resolution with kindness, assistance and support. We provide assistance and support through our many programs and services: Food Pantry open 5 days a week; Personal Care item and Infant Supplies distribution; Bus Token distribution including "Token Transit" with GGFT; Annual Programs such as Adopt a Family and Feet First; "Outdoor Fridays" distribution on Fridays, weather permitting

Our Special Needs program is the bulk of our Crisis Intervention and Prevention Program. We provide financial assistance, resources, and referrals in cases that relate to: Homelessness; Rent requests; Utility Payments; Emergency RX assistance; and other cases referred to us that represent an urgent need.

FSA assists with immediate need and then refers to other entities such as The Open Door Mission and WAIT House for long term solutions.

Please reach out to them if you are interested in tabling at the "Outdoor Fridays."

Contact: PH#518-793-0797 www.fsaglenfalls.org

SOAR (Where not able to present at meeting, but below is the information.)

SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery) is a process of applying for Social Security Disability Benefits (SSI/SSDI) for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and unable to work due to severe and persistent mental or physical health conditions. An agency/case worker would become trained via the SOAR Online Course (it is free, open to the public and can be completed at the pace of the participant) and once they receive their certificate (and complete any state specific training) they will be able to assist applicants using the SOAR model. There are no requirements to becoming SOAR-trained other than ensuring that you/your agency has the time commitment to complete applications, and will not charge applicants for your services (or take a portion of the applicant's back payment). Before beginning the training, you will also want to discuss with your supervisor/agency how they plan to allocate time post training to complete applications.

- [SOAR Overview | SOAR Works! \(samhsa.gov\)](#)
- [Getting Involved with SOAR | SOAR Works! \(samhsa.gov\)](#)
- [Online Courses | SOAR Works! \(samhsa.gov\)](#)
- <https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/article/identifying-soar-applicants>

Currently we do not have active SOAR-trained case workers in Washington, Warren, and Hamilton Counties.

Contact: Abby Kirkman akirkman@prainc.com

LTCC Secretary Position – Keane Jones has volunteered to be the new secretary. Email address is: KJones@ilchv.org Thank you Keane!!!!

2022 LTCC Elections (Meeting turned over to Deanna Park)

- Chairperson shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the LTCC
- Vice-Chairperson shall perform duties of the chairperson in his/her absence. Shall perform all other duties assigned by the Executive Committee

Nominations are as follows:

- i. Chair – Cynthia Mitchell
- ii. Vice Chair – Heather Whitney

Elections were held and Cynthia Mitchell was unanimously selected as the Chair and Heather Whitney as the Vice Chair. Congratulations!!!!

LTCC By-Laws Vote (Meeting turned back over the Cynthia Mitchell)

LTCC By-Laws were sent out with link to meeting for review in advance. Cynthia reviewed the proposed changes, which were highlighted. Revisions were accepted by membership.

2022 Quarterly Meetings - September 8th and December 8th.

Meetings will continue to be held via zoom or a hybrid of both.

Agency Introductions and Updates

- Cassandra Becker – Greater Glens Falls Transit
 - The Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council, working in conjunction with Greater Glens Falls Transit, has developed a survey for human service agencies located or operating within Warren, Washington, and northern Saratoga counties in New York State. Survey link: <https://forms.gle/R2se2sL2PL8GggFu5> The results will inform the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP), which is updated every four years. The CHSTP provides a framework for the coordination of transportation services with an emphasis on the senior and disabled community. In addition, the CHSTP sets priorities for key funding programs under the Federal Transit Administration. The survey will close on July 1, 2022. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Jack Mance at A/GFTC: jack@agftc.org. Thank you for your participation!
 - There is also a human services transportation plan survey. It will gather information from agencies to allow for grants and funding will be allocated for the needs of our community. Participation is vital to funding for our community. Please message me if you have any questions or concern but please participate.

- Kristen Osterhoudt - Caregiver Support Initiative
 - Caregiver Wellness & Respite Center Community Kickoff Event (Caregiver Support Initiative) - June 14, 12PM @ Hovey Pond, RSVP to Kim Comisky at PH#(518)832-4993 or kcomi001@plattsburgh.edu A bag lunch might still be available. Presentation at 1PM

- Ben Driscoll – Catholic Charities
 - Kinship Caregivers; 2 or 3 families within the same household presents many complex challenges for those individuals. Catholic Charities Nutrition Outreach and Education Program can help assist and/or referral those that might fall into this category.
 - Recently I have been doing and am scheduled to do SNAP outreach in North Creek, Lake Luzerne, Stony Creek, Thurman, Brant Lake, Chestertown and Bolton Landing. I am always looking for opportunities to table and/or outreach at agency's in the Greater Glens Falls Region. Ben Driscoll: bdriscoll@swwcc.org or phone: (518) 793-6212 ext. 32

- Teresa DePaul
 - If folks have Medicare they may be eligible for (or have and not be aware) over the counter benefits, food benefits to use like SNAP and ability to redeem gift cards for doing things they do anyway like physicals and screenings. If anyone would like more information let me know, or if you have folks how don't know what benefits their plan includes have them reach out to me or their local agent if they have one. I also post reminders on my business facebook page. DePaul_teresa@yahoo.com

- Stephanie Raney – Washington County ADRC
 - Hidden Gems Resource Fair rescheduled for September 16th from 2-6PM (Flyer to follow).

- Kym Hance
 - Alzheimer's Brain and Awareness Month: <https://www.alz.org/abam/overview.asp>
 - The Longest Day (June 21st) : https://act.alz.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=the_longest_day Wear purple!!!!

Stephanie Raney moved to close the meeting, Ben Driscoll seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.

The Chair closed the meeting at 11:46am.

Sincerely,
 Deanna Park
 LTCC Secretary

YouTube link for the recording of the 6/9/22 LTCC Quarterly meeting is:
https://youtu.be/0_Sent68MEM