

STEP Office of Aging
Aging Advisory Council (AAC)
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2020 – 1:30 PM
2138 Lincoln Street, Williamsport PA 17701

Members Present: Commissioner Jeffrey Snyder, David Heiney, Edward Weinoffer, Janet Blachek, Joseph Sohmer, Leslie Houser, Lucille Evans, Paulette Seitzer, Raymond Humphrey, Sharon Cashwell

Members Excused: Nancy Watson, Rochelle Keefer

Guest: Linda Yorks, Jack McKernan, Donna Welshans

Staff: Jean Marie Sullivan

Meeting called to order at 1:30 PM by AAC Chair Raymond Humphrey.

AAC Chair reviewed minutes from October 9, 2019 meeting. No changes or corrections needed. Motion to approve minutes as written made by David Heiney. Second provided by Paulette Seitzer. Vote: unanimous. Minutes from October 9, 2019 approved.

AAC Chair indicated a 'Certificate of Appreciation' had been given to Nancy Watson. She resigned from the Aging Advisory Council in December 2019.

AAC Chair Raymond Humphrey nominated Jack McKernan to fill the Lycoming County AAC member position left vacant by the resignation of Nancy Watson. The second was provided by Jeffery Snyder. Motion approved by AAC vote.

ACC Chair indicated the STEP Board approved Linda Yorks to fill an open Lycoming County AAC position. Paulette Seitzer moved for the AAC to accept the STEP Board's recommendation. Second provided by Edward Weinoffer. Motion approved by an AAC vote.

Update on the Older American's Act/Dignity in Aging Act provided. As of October 28, 2019, the United States House of Representatives passed a Bipartisan Bill to Reauthorize the Older Americans Act, and they were urging swift Senate action for reauthorization.

Review of handouts for US Census 2020. Questions and answers regarding the upcoming 2020 United States Census, and the importance of each Pennsylvanian responding to the Census. Online response is still being touted as the easiest way to complete the census. Suggestion made by the group to initiate provision of a FAQ for home delivered meal recipients to insure they complete the census.

Review of STEP Board Report.

Other Business:

- AAC Chair requested an up to date listing of all Council Members be provided.
- Member Jack McKernan requested the Council consider doing short educational presentation at each meeting regarding the 'AAC Responsibilities'. Group agreed this would be beneficial for all members.

Chair Raymond Humphrey requested, if all business has been covered, a motion for adjournment. David Heiney made the motion, and Lucille Evans provided the second. All members agreed - meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:
Jean Marie Sullivan
STEP AAA Director

Reviewed by:
David Heiney
AAC Secretary