

September 7, 2022 at 1 pm

Dighton Council on Aging, 1059 Somerset Ave, Dighton, MA

Attendance: Chairman T. Ferry, J. Hoye, J. Allie, A. Collard, J. DeArruda, Director B. Powell

Minutes of previous meeting

Motion to approve: Hoye; second, Allie; unanimous

Bristol Elder Services: Farmers Market coupons will be coming

Dighton COA representative DeArruda reappointed to board for 3-year term

New Business

- Public input
- Acquire a multi-function (toner ink) copier, printer, fax, (ink consumption between 2 offices very expensive).
- COA working diligently on starting new programs of interest.
- COA working hard to build volunteer base back up.
- Utilizing My Senior Center daily to register elders with COA, using one call to communicate with groups, cancellations, etc.
- Formula Grant \$16,188 received June 17, 2022

Executive Directors Report

- All employees at Council on Aging and Prime Time in place.
- Excellent choice of candidates, exceeding my expectations
- Brought back Lenny, maintenance, working hard in cleaning, decluttering his areas, grounds work, built shelves for storage in hairdresser room closet, Reports paint on building peeling and outside walls rotting out and Shed Doors falling off
- Activity employees and kitchen employees currently being trained on new reorganized COA and Prime Time Program. Kitchen being trained by Bela in preparation of breakfasts
- Much done with many obstacles in getting to point of Prime Time Opening Day August 23, 2022, BES, GATRA
- All employees CPR trained before PT opened, continue with Allergen, Nutrition training. All required inspections, certificates acquired from Fire Dept., (Chief McGuy provided AED machine pads), Board of Health did kitchen inspection, Town Nurse Covid Guidelines, Building Inspector also involved.
- 9 clients came back. Lost a few.
- As of 9/6/22, 4 out of 5 tours with families were scheduled and done, (1 no show), admission paper work handed out, waiting for families to get back to us, will continue to call perspective clients on waiting list. (Out of 28 on list while PT was closed, we have 13 left), many passed or in rehabilitation facility. Trista processed 2 admissions this week. We will continue to advertise the program. Everyone on waiting list called, Trista has spoken to most of clients

families on waiting list. Awaiting family decisions.

- Partnership with Bristol-Plymouth Community Health Program-contract signed, students to start October 2022 – May 2023, Tues. Wed. and Thursdays 9 am – 2pm
- Romero Grant applied for, asked for \$25,000
- Capital Request of \$20,000 with guidance from building inspector, asking Bristol Plymouth for Carpentry Students to provide construction.

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- Partnership with Bristol-Plymouth Community Health Program-established
- Temporary Chair Yoga hired as permanent. Previous instructor still recovering from broken ankle, waited since May 2022, offered fill in position
- Serve Safe- awaiting on BOH for Training Session
- SHINE- Called Regional Office, not offering training at this time. We are on list for when scheduled.

Director providing SHINE counseling over the phone, as was done in past, and guiding elders to proper agencies as needed.

- Council on Aging Sign on hold

Next Meeting Date:

Adjournment

Motion: Collard; Hoye: second; unanimous