BELCHERTOWN COUNCIL ON AGING

Minutes for meeting on July 30, 2020-Virtual

**Members**
- Robert Farrington
- Maura Guzik
- Jim Dowling
- Diane Plant
- Colleen Duro-Shea
- John Belding

**Guests**
- Jessica Langlois
- Chip Harrington

**Absent**
- Donna Bozoglos

Bob Farrington called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Due to Covid-19 the COA is closed, however Advisory Board meeting occurred remotely.

Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the June 25, 2020 meeting by Diane and seconded by Bob. Motion passed; (Yes-6, No-0).

**Directors Report**
Jessica reviewed participation numbers for the month of June in the nutrition, outreach, transportation, educational and recreation programs. The Nutrition Program had 2,408 HDMs which is higher May and 22 congregate meals. The Outreach program had all 48 services provided by the phone. The Outreach program had 48 service units for 41 clients which also increased from May totals. A new program was initiated called Chat Pack to get clients hooked up with others to socialize. There were 6 people that took advantage of the program. The supportive services had 9 medical equipment items loaned and the mobile food pantry was down slightly to 44. Jessica shared this is expected due to the Amherst Survival Center is directly serving clients. There were no transportation services in June due to COVID-19. Recreation was able to be provided in ZOOM meetings during June. The Foot Care program with 15 participants should be reported in the supportive services. It is an on-site program that Jessica received approval from the Board of Health. There were no education seminars, but there were 25 volunteer hours reported.

**Other:**
- FY20’s Formula Grant was zeroed out in June. Funds designated to aide’s salary was reclassified and the Center purchased some updated equipment for the kitchen.
- Town meeting on June 27th passed the Sr. Center FY 21 budget.
- WMEC is preparing to provide Title III Cares funds for COAs to address social isolation needs among seniors and caretakers. It is expected to be a simple application process.
- Farmer’s Market Coupons and produce bags will be available soon.
- Center purchased cameras from Ring for the outside of the building paid by the Association.

Diane motioned to accept Jessica’s report and John seconded. Motion passed (Yes-6, No-0)
There were no committee reports and the Liaison was not in attendance.

New Business:
- Bob asked Maura about the Thank You Letter to the staff. Maura thought she sent the letter to Jessica. Maura will send it directly to Bob.
- Coleen mentioned that she is now on the Belchertown Board of Health.

Bob requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diane made a motion which was seconded by John. Motion passed (Yes-6, No-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:02.

The next meeting will be on August 27, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maura Guzik
Secretary of Belchertown COA