

Office for Aging Advisory Council

December 8, 2025

In attendance: Sandy Sanzo, Rene Conklin, Suzanne Sullivan, Sue Thrasher, Robert Hoover, Youjung Lee, Laura Walker, Sally Hoffman

OFA staff: Mary Turbush, Lucia Esposito

Motion made by Sandy and second motion by Amy to approve previous meeting's minutes. Noone opposed.

Director's Report:

- We need two more Advisory Council member
- Mary provided an OFA services overview to Laura who joined us as the new advisory council member
- Caregiver support group will be moving from Johnson City to Endwell
- Free Weekend Caregiver Respite Groups – local faith committees hosting
- Fun & Games – free group for caregivers & care recipient – at Holy Family Church
- Blooming health – we can send messages to over 4400 people.
- We got 2000 Farmers Market coupons – these were \$25 booklets. We were able to distribute to 31 new locations. We track if the coupons got used. This year we were able to give clients two booklets.
- Due to SNAP shutdown we saw a 6% increase in meals at senior centers.
- We continue to utilize unmet needs funding to fill in the gaps of services: clean outs, laundry, transportation, overnight respite, in home respite, mental health.
- MOW office will be relocating to Conklin.
- Foster Grandparent Program – funding remains in questions for the next 3 years
- Renovations for senior centers are pending – bathroom at Broome West senior center needs to be redone as well as flooring at Northern Broome Senior Center.
- Farewell to outgoing members: Renee Conklin, Sue Thrasher, Dr. M. and Jerry Willard.
- April meeting will be held through email only.

Next meeting: February 9, 2025