

## **Advisory Council Meeting**

### **Broome County Library**

**June 10, 2024**

In Attendance: Robert Hoover, Sally Hoffman, Sue Thrasher, Maria Motsavage, Jerry Willard, Amy Pessarchick

OFA Staff: Mary Turbush, Lucia Esposito

Approval of February minutes. Motion made by Maria, second motion by Sue. Noone opposed.

Director's Report:

- Lifespan Project update – we continue to seek local primary care providers/office to work on this pilot project showcasing the value of OFA services. The goal would be to work closely with primary care to link patients to community-based services that support the medical plan of care.
- We are working on connecting with UHS and have a commitment with Endwell Family Physicians. At this time we have been unable to secure a connection with Guthrie.

Unmet needs funding:

- BCOFA received significant funding for this program year to pay for “unmet needs”.
- OFA hired its own Leisure Time Activity Leader who can do friendly visiting/respice.
- We are considering expanding our current guaranteed aide program to reach more clients.
- We are planning other expansions and activities to use up that funding before March 31, 2025

Alzheimer's Grant update:

- Our funding was cut by \$5000 for the 07/01/2023-06/30/2024 cycle with less than a month's notice.
- We were notified in May of 2024.
- We will carry on with serving our clients utilizing the unmet needs funding we received.

The Memory Maker Project:

- Atomic Tom's will host an art show showcasing art created by older adults at local senior centers in celebration of OFA's 50th year anniversary; this will be on July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Caregiver Event taking place on June 11<sup>th</sup> with the Memory Maker project providing an creative art presentation to caregivers and care receivers.

OFA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations:

- There are many activities planned at local senior center anniversary parties.
- There will be a bus wrap announcing the anniversary.
- There will be a surprise activity for MOW participants.
- OFA purchased items to give away at local senior centers during upcoming celebrations.

Older NY-er Day in Albany, NY

- Robert Hoover was honored by the NYSOFA in Albany for the Older NY-er Day.

2023 Annual Report was shared and posted on the website.

Updates from council members:

- Robert Hoover – the LGBTQ support group had many great speakers including Maria Motsavage, Jason Garner, Jarred Kraham. Upcoming speakers: UHS, Suicide Prevention; Sheriff Akshar, Tina Barber, Debra Kerins from RSVP and OFA.
- Amy Pessarchick – Bereavement Groups are full. Booking for September groups; Camp Hope will happen this summer again so if you have any children in mind please refer them (end of August).
- Jerry Willard – grand opening Vestal Chateau on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn: Maria Motsavage, second by Sue Thrasher. Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

Next meeting: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.