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CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
FRIDAY November 17, 2023

The citizens advisory council of the Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging met on Friday, November 17, 2023 at the Hopewell Senior Center. Executive Director Connie Brode opened the meeting with pledge and prayer.

Welcome Connie Brode welcomed all council members to the meeting

ON A MEITROTT/LOHR MOTION-THE MINUTES OF THE September 29, 2023 MEETING ARE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

Agency Financial Review There was no financial report to be viewed at this time, but Connie explained that are delayed funding of 5 million had just been released.

New Funding Stipulations Additional funding was just released with the largest portions going to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh based on population, this should allow 70 to 80 thousand to us. We will use this towards our new program and will need to be tracked individually.

Consumer Reimbursement Program Implementation Lori Heaton explained This is an allowable payment model under the options program. To date, we have not utilized it, but considering the ongoing shortage of providers, and receipt of new funding, we have decided to implement the new model.

This will allow consumers to hire caregivers of their choice excluding a spouse or legal responsible party such as POA or Guardian. At the onset the agency will also not allow other family members, but this will be reviewed as the program begins.

The consumer of their responsible party must complete all necessary paperwork and submit timesheet monthly.

The consumer of responsible party will pay the caregiver and then be reimbursed by the agency. The program is subject to cost sharing on sliding scale based on income. If the consumer has a copay it will be deducted from the reimbursement.

It cannot not exceed \$21.00 an hour based on the rate we currently pay agency model providers.

Hoping to launch in January.

Internal Monitoring Review Process Tawnya Creager explained oversight activities with her job and duties . Including CART observations, van inspections and random calls. She reviews 4-5 cases monthly of Care Support Program, 10-13 cases Options Programs, there are random calls each month to caregivers

support and biweekly case reviews of Protective services, a detailed handout was given to all attendees to explore.

Advisory Council Membership Term Renewal Connie spoke about our need to fill some vacancies on the advisory board and is in the process of speaking with people to confirm these openings.

Transportation Update Connie spoke on behalf of Tony Molinari absence due to interviewing engagement, that Penn Dot will be coming on site to do an overall assessment.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned.