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Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Prudence Harkleroad at 10:00AM.

- Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Ralph Scott made a motion to approve the minutes and Mary Gates seconded this motion. The motion was carried.
- The meeting was turned over to Director Connie Brode to discuss the agenda items.

1. **Review of financials for FY 24/25** – Connie provided an overall summary and explained the financials were reviewed by the commissioners and approved. Connie explained that we are in process of transitioning to the new fiscal management team, Wessels. She explained that we are still in the midst of our annual fiscal audit.
  - a. Paula S. asked about the budget and if we have had to cut services. Connie explained services were cut by 30% and what happens in FY 25/26 will be determined once a state budget has been passed.
2. **Service Statistics** – Lori Heaton reviewed the service statistics for FY 24/25. Discussed the Ombudsman program and how our overall numbers for visits and contacts has improved in this area due to competent staff and our valuable volunteer. Guardianship numbers were reviewed as having a decrease and this is due to a shift in the Federal Final Rule that Area Agency on Aging should not be doing guardianship work unless in emergent situations with no other recourse.
3. **Central Dispatch Renovations** -Anthony Molinari discussed the status of the Central Dispatch location renovations. Everything is finished on the inside – they are now working on the outside and only have a few more items to complete. Park Security will need to come and install the security system. The contractor has done a good job and the office space is much more functional along with a nice conference room.
4. **Current Funding Status** – With no state or federal budget our funding status is up in the air. The AAA's have now been deemed as "essential" so we were getting funds and have received 3 installments, but we have been notified that there will be no more funds. The cooperative

agreement needs to be signed which also impacts the receipt of funds. We had a snag with Penn Dot funding being incorrectly recorded on the books, but this has been fixed. At this point, we will have to survive on our line of credit and things are getting tight.

5. **Dementia Training** – The agency conducted the first of 3 scheduled Dementia trainings in yesterday (9/25/25) in Huntingdon County. The event was well attended, and the participants seemed highly impacted by the experience. Connie explained the Virtual experience and the Dementia Friends presentation paired together has seemed to be very beneficial. The events for Fulton and Bedford Counties will take place next week.
6. **Open Forum**
  - a. Bobbi Manges explained that people may be interested in knowing that you can go onto the Penn Dot website and designate an emergency contact person that would be listed on your record in case of emergency or unforeseen circumstances where someone needs reached on your behalf if you are unable to speak or share this information.
  - b. Lavonne Lohr had a question about the daily trip sheet needing emailed now – Tony said he will be in touch with Sharon at Hustontown to discuss their specific circumstance.
  - c. Don Eiseman asked for an update on the ECHO house. It was explained that the house is now finally being used by an Older Adult in Bedford County. The home is situated on the daughter's property, and they are now able to provide the necessary care and oversight while the Older Adult is able to maintain their independence. The agency does provide Care Management services to monitor the situation and provide in-home service options as needed.
7. **Terms of Service** – Connie asked if the current advisory board members are willing to serve another 2-year term. Everyone in attendance was willing to stay on board. The other board members will be contacted.

NEXT MEETING – November 21, 2025