
Planning Committee Minutes

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

via zoom/telephone/in person

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Hodgins

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Shirley Copes (Chair)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paula Freedman, Elizabeth Hakanson

STAFF PRESENT: Carolyn D. Brown, Rollin Mincher, Todd Goehle

The June 8, 2022 meeting started at 4:55 PM. It was not called to order because there was no quorum.

PRESENTATIONS: Eastwood Community Center

Rollin Mincher reported on center activities.

See attached documents.

GRANT SUMMARY REPORT:

Current Grant Summary report (attached) was mailed/emailed to the Committee in the meeting packets for their review.

Todd reported that Community Engagement is preparing a new Impact Statement and Annual Report.

NEW BUSINESS: None

The meeting ended at 5:15 PM.

Eastwood Community Center Planning Board Report

Eastwood Community Center enrollment:

- 102 active seniors at month-end March 2020
- 66 active seniors as of May 2022
- During the pandemic, 13 ECC seniors passed between December of 2020 – March of 2022
- Several seniors are not returning due to health and/or other issues

Eastwood Community Center Highlights:

- DSRIP – Value Based Payments Program - This new program enrolled 11 vulnerable seniors during February of 2020 who have food insecurity with the focus of reducing overall health issues and hospital visits. ECC received \$13,000 in funding from this project. Funds were used to provide seniors with monthly giveaways. The remaining funds this year will be used for a get together at Drumlins.
- In March of 2020 ECC staff mobilized to connect our seniors to services as COVID-19 occurred. Seniors received food boxes from the FRC's, Meals from FSD, and staff coordinated emergency needs for those that are most vulnerable. ECC also FSD in driving meals to seniors throughout the county. Participants were called every other day and a phone tree was established to allow senior to call each other.
- 22 seniors were enrolled in the FSD "Meals to-go" program at the beginning of COVID
- 4 Seniors were enrolled In the FRC Food Box Program also during the pandemic
- ECC submitted a reopening plan in August of 2020 to Onondaga County for on-site "To-go" Meals. This concept started the first week of September. Seventeen of Twenty-two seniors transitioned from the Onondaga County senior home delivery program into the on-site to-go meal program. The others transitioned into the FSD CARES Home Delivered meal program.
- In August of 2020, ECC created a reopening plan to serve the seniors through a phased approach. Phase one will be contactless consisting of: Book Club, Movie Day, and Exercise Classes.
- In May of 2021 a group of senior center directors met with county to discuss reopening. This was met with optimism and approval.
- In June of 2021 Information sessions were held to re-register program participants.
- In July 2021 movie day, book club and tablet training started.
 - Tablet training has provided technology training to over 60 ECC/FGP Seniors
- In September 2021 the "To-go" meals migrated to a hybrid model of both on-site and to-go. The to-go meals are very popular.
- In November 2021 the Harvest lunch provided 22 on-site meals and 21 take-away meals to the seniors.
- In December of 2021, 24 seniors dined on-site for the Holiday Meal program while an additional 27 received "to-go" meals.

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- The Tablet Training is a success with the seniors and is reducing isolation while providing connectivity for seniors and their families. The next session will start in September of 2022. The tablet training course consists of 5 two hours lessons during each course. There have been 5 classes held between July of 2021 and June of 2022. A course in advanced tablet training is being planned for the near future to build on the beginner concepts.
- The Walking Club has 4-8 seniors participating and is health and wellness driven.
- Our newest activity is Movie Day. Once a week the seniors enjoy a movie and meal at noon. (Similar to the Movie Tavern Experience.) Approximately 8-10 seniors are attending each Monday. Of course this all depends upon the movie!
- 2022 has been the year of transition and change. Staff has been able to review the current structure of activities and worked to make a better model for moving forward. June 2022 marks restart of our new normal – Bingo, Cards, Trips, dinner theater and more.
- On June 8th, 2022 – 25+ seniors are registered to attend the Met's game
- In July the Center will hold a luncheon at Drumlins to bring everyone back together and honor those who have passed.
- Presently we are embarking on a senior recruitment campaign to inspire younger mature adults to join. We are targeting Syracuse Housing, Christopher Community, and several Eastwood Senior Housing developments. This will allow us to increase diversity and provide services and activities to those who are still isolating.
- Future activities in the works are chair yoga, Tai Chi, and some day trips to the St. Lawrence and ADK.

Success Stories:

Tablet training (smart device training) is taking the fear out of technology for our seniors. The class is instrumental in helping seniors avoid isolation by bring them closer to their family and friends. Zoom, along with other social media platforms, connect people to people in real-time. There are four great benefits to seniors who embrace technology: improving health and wellness, entertainment, convenience, and safety.

Four seniors have been connected to Energy and Housing for weatherization services. These are all based on a priority level. Circumstances range from cancer to frail-elderly.

One of the household's had a pipe that was leaking carbon monoxide into the home. This was discovered during an energy audit. If this had not been identified, it was have caused great harm or even death to member(s) of the household.

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Donation Program Highlights

- From 2010 – May of 2022 – the agency has received and disbursed over \$13,000,000 to the community.
- This equates to 431 corporate donation pickups.
- PEACE, Inc. received its largest donation on February, 21, 2021. Delivering Good shipped 52 pallets of Ralph Lauren apparel to our partner, Nucor Steel in Auburn, NY. Jordan-Elbridge School District also played a key role in holding the shipment for ECC to pick up in stages. The value of this in-kind donation was \$3,834,410.77
- The truck is also used for agency moves, GAH donor pickups and distribution.

ECC plays a vital role to our community and to the programs within PEACE, Inc. Below are some of ECC's agency and community engagement experiences over the past 17 years:

- Hosted the Healthy Marriage Program – ECC seniors served as child care providers while program participants participated in the training session
- Partner with the FGP program with their transportation needs for in-service trainings and transferring program supplies to event venues
- Provide assistance to the BBBS program for transporting kids between schools and providing assistance at events as-needed
- Assist the Maintenance Department as-needed with departmental move requests. This also includes providing volunteer assistance for loading and unloading
- In 2010 created the truck driver re-entry program during ARRA that became the agency's donation program
- Provide volunteer and mentoring opportunities for 25+ neighborhood youth over the years.
- Served on the Eastwood skate park research committee that was able to secure funding from the State and private foundations to build a multi-use park to Eastwood
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- Worked with the Job's Plus program to assist job seekers with skill building and on-site job readiness training
- Assist the Onondaga County Office of Probation with mandated service hours for youth at-risk through the court system
- Partner with Onondaga County's Office of Aging Program for special projects such as providing energy kits to seniors in Onondaga County. Transfer electric lift chairs for their EISP program participants
- Partner with Syracuse Police Department for various community and civic events

PEACE, Inc. Recent Applications 6/3/2022

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Submission Date</u>	<u>Request Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Award Date</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>
Mother Cabrini Health Foundation - LOI	Reentry and Family Reunification Program	Family Services	5/13/2022	\$97,562.70	Pending		
The Food Bank of CNY	Family Resource Centers	Family Services	4/28/2022	\$52,224.00	Pending		
The Food Bank of CNY	Family Resource Center Food Pantries	Family Services	4/18/2022	\$6,000.00	Awarded	4/29/2022	\$6,000
US Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women	Engaging Men and Boys as Allies in the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls	Vera House / Family Services Collaboration	4/12/2022	\$120,003 for PEACE, Inc. (\$350000 total request)	Pending		
Onondaga County Health Department: Maternal and Infant Community Health Collaborative: Community Based Partner Services	Women's Wellness Program	Family Services	3/14/2022	\$10,000	Awarded	3/18/2022	\$4,500
The Davies Foundation	BBBS	BBBS	2/4/2022	Amount decided by the Davies Foundation	Pending		
The John Ben Snow Foundation & Memorial Trust	BBBS School-Based Programs	BBBS	2/1/2022	\$7,500	Not Awarded	1/9/2022	

Summit Federal Credit Union	Community and School Based Programs	BBBS	1/3/2021	\$10,000	Awarded	1/3/2021	\$10,000
Onondaga County Save the Rain Program	Southside Revitalization Project	SSFRC	12/17/2021	\$82,676	Pending		
Department of Children and Family Services Renewal	BBBS School-Based Mentoring, Onondaga County	BBBS	12/15/2021	\$15,000	Awarded	12/14/2021	\$15,000
Oswego County Youth Bureau 3S Oswego County/Central Square		BBBS	12/1/2021	\$5,000	Awarded	12/29/2021	\$5,000
New York Office of Children and Family Services	Head Start / Early Head Start Baldwinsville, Genesee, James St, Jordan Elbridge, LaFayette, Liverpool, Merrick, Sumner		11/19/2021	\$540,800	Awarded	11/22/2021	\$540,800
Onondaga County Department of Child and Family Services	The Department of Energy and Housing	Aging-In-Place Senior Home Modification Program	11/18/2021	\$100,000	Awarded	3/7/2022	\$100,000
City of Syracuse CDBG	Dunk Your Junk	Family Services	11/12/2021	\$71,637.04	Not Awarded		
Inspire Brands/Arby's - Utica Branch	BBBS Salaries	BBBS	11/8/2021	\$2,000.00	Awarded	11/28/2021	\$2,000
Inspire Brands/Arby's - Syracuse Branch	BBBS Holiday Event	BBBS	11/8/2021	\$27,800	Awarded	12/17/2021	\$27,800

CO-OP Fund (EITC Funders Network, Community Foundation Opportunity Network, and CFLeads)	EITC Tax Recruitment and Enrollment	EITC	10/1/2021	Awarded	10/21/2021	\$96,500		\$100,000
	Gun Violence Funding	Family Services / BBBS	9/27/2021	Awarded	9/27/2021	\$20,835		\$20,835
OCFS and Onondaga County	Fatherhood Initiative	Family Services	9/24/2021	Awarded	9/24/2021	\$8,000		\$8,000
Fatherhood Connection, Inc.				Not Awarded				
				(Worksite Mentoring Program denied, donation of \$4,000 was given)				
National Grid	BBBS Corporate Mentorship Program	BBBS	9/8/2021		4/4/2022	\$13,000		
United Way	Free Tax Program	Free Tax Program	9/3/2021	Awarded	11/1/2021	120,000.00		\$110,000
United Way	BBBS	BBBS	9/3/2021	Awarded	11/1/2021	16,150.00		\$16,000
OPWDD	Project Connections	ESFRC	8/29/2021	Awarded	8/18/2021	\$73,238		\$73,238
NYSOFA (Magnirelli)	Senior Meals, Trips	Foster Grandparents, Eastwood Community Center, Senior Nutrition	8/27/2021	Awarded	7/23/2021	\$20,000		\$20,000
	SCSD Alternative Classroom	ESFRC	8/23/2021	Awarded	Waiting for Contract	\$65,000		\$65,000
SCSD	BBBS Corporate Mentorship Program	BBBS	7/16/2021	Awarded	9/1/2021	\$25,000		\$20,000
BNY Mellon	Southside Revitalization Project	SSFRC	5/20/2021	Not Awarded	12/10/2021	\$75,000		
Mother Cabrini Health Foundation								