

Reading OVR CAC Meeting

April 8, 2019

Meeting 4:00 pm to 5:00PM

ATTENDEES:

- Susan Kennedy, Judy Vaskorlis, Angel Torres, Helen Denker, Carol Riley, Yvelisse Gonzalez, Laura Welliver, Sarita Battish, Judy Yeasted

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Minutes of the February 11, 2019, meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. OVR REPORT AND LEGISLATION:

- Yvelisse Gonzalez reported the budget for next year is being closely reviewed.
- PETS services are being re-evaluated.

3. CAC BROCHURE UPDATES AND REVIEWS:

- The updated brochure was distributed to attendees; it reflects new co-chairs and email address. Susan Kennedy requested that her name be removed from the brochure since she will be resigning from the Committee.

4. NEW PICTURE FOR BROCHURE:

- Laura Welliver took a picture of the committee members that were present; she will forward the picture to Yvelisse Gonzalez and Sally Kniepp.

5. SARITA BATTISH PRESENTATION:

- Sarita Battish gave a presentation on the Patient Advocate Foundation which provides case management services to patients who are facing healthcare access issues as a result of their diagnosis of a chronic, life threatening or debilitating disease. They can act as a liaison between insurance/hospital / patient. "Hello" is a game of conversation starters for families / groups about medical and end-of-life topics.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR GENERAL GOOD:

- The call- in number is still available for meeting participation.
- Darlene Gorski is considering resignation; she has been the acting secretary. This position will need to be filled. Because of Susan Kennedy's resignation, the committee co-chair position needs to be filled. Susan passed on a binder with bylaws, handbook, membership applications, minutes and membership list to Angel Torres. Carol Riley and Angel are continuing efforts to recruit new members.
- It was suggested to distribute CAC brochures at community events, churches, "Heritage Days", fairs.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

- There is an event/expo at the Crowne Plaza on April 18 on deaf and blind services.
- Affordable internet is available through Comcast for \$9.95 per month if you meet certain user criteria.
- Gods Helping Hands Outlet (intersection of Rt. 61 and 895E) distributes free clothing and household items.
- Coordination with STS is developing potential routes to better serve customers through Schuylkill County.

8. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Discussion/action about co-chair and secretary positions
- Membership committee updates; Schuylkill members
- Epilepsy presentation by Carol Riley

9. NEXT MEETING:

- June 10, 2019, is the next scheduled meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT: