

Senior Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 18, 2007
2:00 PM
Hopewell Valley Branch of Mercer County Library

Attending: Lawrence Mansier, Bill Farmer, Jean Harrington, Bob Riley, Jane Petrie, Virginia Silliphant, Severino DiCocco, Anne Bolick, Nils Stout. Abigail Waugh- Senior Coordinator, Paul Pogorzelski - Hopewell Township Administrator, Paul Dooley - Vice President - Capital Health Systems, Pat Ryan - VP Princeton Health Center (and HVSAB advisory nonvoting board member), Pam Hersh - VP Governmental Relations - Princeton Health Center. Helen Lee - Citizen.

The Meeting was brought to order at 2: 05 by Chairman Mansier. Notice was made of meeting the Open Public Meetings Act requirements.

Capital Health Systems Presentation

The meeting started with a presentation by guest Paul Dooley relating to Capital Health System's plan to build a new facility in the Southern Tier of the Township. Such presentation embodied a considerable amount of detail and was essentially the one presented publicly to Hopewell Valley Citizens in June at the High School, updated for specific data relating to newly completed traffic studies.

Essentially, CHS is proposing a new hospital campus in the township that will consist of 376 beds and ancillary operations generating \$16 million in annual revenue. It feels this will (1) provide local citizens proximity to more accessible emergency health care (2) provide CHS the opportunity to move closer to its perceived client base (3) provide CHS with some breathing room relating to its operating footprint and (4) generate only minimal infrastructural stress.

There ensued a lengthy Q & A session.

Returning to "usual" business, the Board approved the June minutes.

Princeton Health Systems

Pat Ryan has been given expanded responsibilities as PHS relocates in the Plainsboro area. Accordingly she introduced Pam Hersh, newly appointed PHS V/P Government Relations (and long time regional operative) who, in addition to her new responsibilities for PHS, will replace Pat as advisory board member on our SAB. Welcome Pam.

Both ladies proceeded to provide less formal scenario regarding PHS facilities plans, which also had particular interest as less is published in the Valley about such plan. At any rate, we were pleased to hear that PHS will (1) provide proximity (2) move toward base (3) spread out and (4) not despoil the neighborhood.

Coordinator Report

Coordinator Waugh presented her litany of activities and programs. New activities or others of note are as follows:

o The activity sponsored a presentation of what New Jersey does for blind and otherwise sight handicapped in the way of equipment and material. The presentation was well received and a repository if related information has been established.

o About 18 participated in the “osteo” activity.

The activity is sponsoring a “memoir writing” class in Hopewell Borough.

Several ongoing activities have gone on “vacation” but will be renewed in September.

Transportation

“Ride Provide” - is in the process of negotiating and starting up operating agreements with municipalities wherein individual seniors can arrange for and be transported at nominal expense to appropriate venues and the municipality later pays and even greater percentage of the actual incurred cost to the provider.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Mansier passed around a copy of a Hopewell Valley News article describing Capital Health negotiations with the Township regarding the new hospital which, if actualized, would probably cause CHS to lose interest in a parcel it holds in Pennington Borough that might be sold to a public service organization such as the “Y” who might want to include senior activities as part of a new campus. Keep your HVS subscription active!

It is anticipated that a first draft of the Bylaws of a nonprofit senior entity will be received and reviewed prior to the August meeting. Such entity is required so that activities relating to seeking public and private funds can be undertaken in addition to any other appropriate senior related activity that has a need for receiving and disbursing funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 4: 08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: : Bob Riley: Secretary

Next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday**, August 15, 2:00 at the County Library.