

Meeting Notice
Danbury Commission on Aging

The Danbury Commission on Aging will hold its January meeting at Elmwood Hall Danbury Senior Center on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 2:15pm. This meeting is open to the public.

Agenda

Attendance and Call to Order

Introduction of Guests

Minutes of COA November Meeting

Financial Report

Departmental Reports:

Director of Elderly Services – Susan M. Tomanio, LCSW

Municipal Agent for the Elderly – Margaret Emerito

Coordinator, Elmwood Hall – Susan M. Tomanio, LCSW

New Business:

Volunteer for Center-Susan M. Tomanio, LCSW

Election of Officers

Comments for the good and welfare

Adjournment

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DANBURY COMMISSION ON AGING
2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Danbury Commission on aging meets at 2:15 pm. On the second Tuesday of the month at Elmwood Hall, Danbury Senior Center. Meetings are not held during the months of July and August.

The meeting dates for 2010 are as follows:

January 12	June 8
February 9	September 14
March 9	October 12
April 13	November 9
May 11	December 14

Helen L. Miller, Chair
January 4, 2010

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DANBURY COMMISSION ON AGING
Minutes of November 10, 2009
Elmwood Hall, Danbury Senior Center

Present: Helen Miller, Charlotte Barrows, Jay Geib, Sharon Kelly, Mary Mazzucco,
James Derwin

Staff: Susan Tomanio

Absent: Margaret Emerito

Guest: Ted Cutsumpas

Helen Miller called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

The Minutes of the September 8, 2009 were reviewed; Jim approved.

Financial Report and Director of Elderly Services Report Including Senior Center

Coordinator Report: (Copies attached.): Finances are still tight. The new van was involved in an accident; due to high deductible, there was a \$500 hit to the Senior Center budget. Susan needs to make use of more "special volunteers" to help compensate for the lack of full time staff. Starting in December a licensed hairdresser will be at the Senior Center twice a month, the first and third Wednesday. Prices will be \$12 for a cut and \$15 for a cut and style, by appointment. The Bake and Crafts Sale yielded \$920. Holiday Sing-a-Long planned for Dec. 10.

Ted Cutsumpas: Addressed the COA about the Senior Packet – the senior discount program. He said he would work with the Mayor to send out a letter to area businesses asking them to take part in this program. Ted and Helen will prepare a draft letter. Susan proposed to keep a copy of the list of businesses in the Senior Center and keep it up to date for possible future use. The previously proposed window sign will not be put out initially. Susan and Helen will meet with Ted at City Hall to review lists of potential businesses that seniors might be interested in and focus on these to receive the letters.

Municipal Agent Report: (Copies attached): Changes have occurred in ConnPACE and notices were sent to enrollees. Medicare savings plan – 3 seminars planned for Dec. 2, 10 & 16.

New Business: Charlotte: Danbury COA proposed to hold regional meeting, preferably on Saturday morning during the spring; to be discussed at future meetings.

Proposal for possible information booklet similar to those put out by Brookfield and Ridgefield. Charlotte: Old police station had once been nearly sold to Diocese of Bridgeport and some commitment seems to still exist. A Cooperative might be made with them to build Senior housing at that site. Still up in the air.

Motion to adjourn at 4:05 by Sharon.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay R. Geib

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Minutes of January 12, 2010
Elmwood Hall, Danbury Senior Center

Present: Helen Miller, Charlotte Barrows, James Derwin, Jay Geib, Sharon Kelly, Mary Mazzucco

Staff: Susan Tomanio, Margaret Emerito

Guest: Neil Corday

Helen Miller called the meeting to order at 2:18

Minutes of the November meeting were reviewed, Sharon approved.

Financial Report/Director of Elderly Services Report/Senior Center Coordinator

Report: (Copies Attached) Susan said that the department is on budget, however, with all the cutbacks vital staff has not been replaced. The department overall is down 3 employees. Susan spoke of using volunteers to help compensate for lack of staff.

Municipal Agent Report: (Copies Attached) Marnie spoke about the rent rebate programming that is approaching. She said that it is a large project and she could use help getting the mailing out. Again it was discussed about having volunteers help with the project.

New Business: Charlotte again brought up hosting a COA summit meeting with New Fairfield and Ridgefield. It would be Danbury's COS turn to host. Susan said that they could have the meeting any time at the senior center M-F 8:30-4:30.

Discussion of the direction of the COA came up. We discussed putting our energies into helping Susan and Marne with projects because they are so short staffed. It was determined that at the next meeting the COA will have a brief meeting and help Marnie get her rent rebate program mailing together. We also discussed helping Susan with the new computer program My Senior Center.com. The Commission will help Susan enter in all the necessary information of the seniors that go to the senior center. All commission members agreed that participating in these projects are vital to the over all well being of the Department of Elderly Services and feel that this direction is a positive change that will benefit seniors.

Election of Officers: Jay Geib stepped down as Treasurer/Secretary. Discussion of the position being shared by Mary Mazzucco and Sharon Kelly was brought to a motion by Helen Miller and seconded by Charlotte Barrows. Motion to share as proposed was approved.

Helen Miller will continue as Chair of the Commission and James Derwin will continue as the vice-chair.

Sharon motioned to adjourn at 3:53.

Submitted by: Mary Mazzucco

CITY OF DANBURY

Senior Center

Statement of Condition

Expenditures - General Fund

As of 12/31/09

Description	Budget As Adopted	Budget As Amended	Current Month	YTD Actuals	Encumbrances Outstanding	Balance	% Balance
5002 Elderly Services							
5020 Salaries Regular	179,434.00	179,434.00	9,637.62	59,155.78		120,278.22	67.03
5030 Overtime Salaries		45.00		45.00			
5040 Part-Time Salaries	70,425.00	70,380.00	4,490.22	34,188.36		36,191.64	51.42
5243 Worker's Comp Insurance	2,013.00	2,013.00		2,013.00			
5311 Professional Services	10,000.00	9,500.00	525.00	3,580.00	1,500.00	4,420.00	46.53
5315 Communication Services	600.00	600.00	100.94	252.53		347.47	57.91
5318 Postage	7,500.00	7,500.00		5,495.00		2,005.00	26.73
5319 Travel/Mileage	500.00	500.00				500.00	100.00
5323 Subscriptions-Memberships	400.00	400.00	260.00	260.00		140.00	35.00
5324 Printing & Binding	7,500.00	8,150.00	1,329.00	3,871.00	4,239.00	40.00	.49
5325 Legal & Public Notices	200.00	200.00				200.00	100.00
5334 Outside Services		500.00			485.00	15.00	3.00
5507 Maintain Office Eq-Frtur	800.00	800.00	40.13	156.92	393.08	250.00	31.25
5601 Office Supplies	2,500.00	1,850.00	233.40	911.71	114.65	823.64	44.52
5002 Elderly Services	281,872.00	281,872.00	16,616.31	109,929.30	6,731.73	165,210.97	58.61



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DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810
DEPARTMENT OF ELDERLY SERVICES
COMMISSION ON AGING

Danbury Senior Center
Elmwood Hall
10 Elmwood Place
(203) 797-4686

Municipal Agent
80 Main Street
(203) 796-1513

Susan M. Tomanio, LCSW
Report for City Council - December 2009

Department of Elderly Services

447 incoming information calls handled

Elmwood Hall Senior Center

772 program offerings

Highlights: ConnPACE, Medical Savings Plans and You, Annual Holiday Party, Carol's Creative Haircuts, Senior Stars Talent Contest

Note: The Elmwood Hall Senior Center is proud to be chosen as a beneficiary, along with the Danbury Museum, of the 2010 Mayor's Ball. We are overjoyed at this recognition and ask each of you to attend, as you will be supporting your own future. Thank you!

Municipal Agent

213 office/phone appointments

Monthly Concerns: In addition to all our regular client concerns, including energy assistance for the upcoming winter season, focus on changes to ConnPACE and changes to the Medical Savings Plan and how they affect Danbury seniors. Multiple seminars given and many individual appointments held.

SeniorNet

Winter Semester: Computer Fundamentals, Personal, 1:1 Tutoring, Introduction to PCs, Using Word 2007, Exploring Vista, Email Made Easy, Social Networking with Facebook, Where's My Stuff?

Van Transportation Program

296 one way trips

**Commission on Aging Report 12/8/2009 & 1/12/10
Municipal Agent Report by Margaret Emerito**

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS – I worked with Becky McKee a representative of the Outreach Board of the King St. United Church of Christ to provide Thanksgiving Baskets to 7 senior households.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE for the 2009 / 2010 Heating Season

For a household with a person at least 60 years or older, or with a disabled person, the maximum income is \$30,485 for one person and \$39,465 for a two person household. The asset limit is \$7,000 for a renter's household and \$10,000 for a homeowner's household. Applicants should make an appointment and apply directly at CACD. CACD can also make arrangements for home visits. Call 203-748-5422.

Seminars Attended:

- 1. Healthnet a Medicare Advantage Plan – 11/25/09**
- 2. Alzheimer's & Related Dementias: New Research in the field 12/8/09**

Seminars Offered:

I offered 3 seminars on The Changes in ConnPACE and Medicare Savings Programs at Elmwood Hall on 12/2, 12/10, & 12/16.

Health Insurance:

The last six weeks of 2009 were extremely busy with counseling seniors on health care insurance and assisting Medicare beneficiaries in deciding and enrolling in a new Medicare D Plan for 2010.