

Meeting Notice
Danbury Commission on Aging

The Danbury Commission on Aging will hold its September meeting at Elmwood Hall Danbury Senior Center on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 2:15pm. This meeting is open to the public.

Agenda

Attendance and Call to Order

Introduction of Guests

Minutes of COA June 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:

Danbury Phone System for Seniors – Susan M. Tomanio, LCSW
Transportation – Helen L. Miller

Old Business:

Parking Lot - Helen L. Miller
Senior Discount Program - Helen L. Miller

Comments for the good and welfare

Adjournment

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BY: 

DANBURY COMMISSION ON AGING
Minutes of September 8, 2009
Elmwood Hall, Danbury Senior Center

Present: Helen Miller, Charlotte Barrows, Ronald Haberman, Jay Geib, Sharon Kelly
Absent: Mary Mazzucco
Staff: Susan Tomanio, Margaret Emerito

Helen Miller called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm.

The Minutes of the June 9, 2009 were reviewed; Ron approved.

Financial Report and Director of Elderly Services Report Including Senior Center Coordinator Report: (Copies attached.): Finances are still tight, but budget is on track. The new van arrived since the last COA meeting. Susan is going to submit a request for a full-time replacement for Fran, even though a hiring freeze still exists. Activities are continuing even without Fran; many volunteers have been used and continue to be used. An October 23rd Craft and Bake Fair is scheduled. Susan has been appointed to the Connecticut Commission on Aging as a board member by Senator John McKinney. Check Senior Center bi-monthly newsletter for additional activities.

Municipal Agent Report: (Copies attached): 822 rent rebate applications have been completed. ConnPACE Plus: No new information.

New Business: Staff and members of the COA have discussed with Hart Transportation administration and their board over the past few years the possibility of allowing Seniors to ride Hart buses during non-rush hours free of charge. Responses to these questions from Hart have been "no" to "we would have to get the city administration involved". Helen and others in the COA have recently met with the Mayor to discuss this issue and the Mayor has said that he would bring it up with Hart. The city budget with the Hart is \$711,735 for this fiscal year, so the city should have some influence on the above issue. The Mayor has also said that he would try to have the parking lot grading and gravelling done this fall on the vacant site next to the current Senior Center where the "addition to the current Senior Center will be built" to provide more parking for the seniors participating in the Center's activities.

Motion to adjourn at 3:40 by Mary.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay R. Geib

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Senior Center

Statement of Condition

Expenditures - General Fund

As of 08/31/09

Description	Budget As Adopted	Budget As Amended	Current Month	YTD Actuals	Encumbrances Outstanding	Balance	% Balance
5002 Commission On Aging							
5020 Salaries Regular	179,434.00	179,434.00	9,637.65	15,786.53		163,647.47	91.20
5030 Overtime Salaries		45.00		45.00			
5040 Part-Time Salaries	70,425.00	70,380.00	6,296.50	9,989.75		60,390.25	85.8
5043 Worker's Comp Insurance	2,013.00	2,013.00	2,013.00	2,013.00			
5011 Professional Services	10,000.00	10,000.00	825.00	825.00	4,255.00	4,920.00	49.20
5015 Communication Services	600.00	600.00				600.00	100.00
5018 Postage	7,500.00	7,500.00		5,495.00		2,005.00	26.73
5019 Travel/Mileage	500.00	500.00				500.00	100.00
5023 Subscriptions-Memberships	400.00	400.00				400.00	100.00
5024 Printing & Binding	7,500.00	7,500.00			6,900.00	600.00	8.00
5025 Legal & Public Notices	200.00	200.00				200.00	100.00
5007 Maintain Office Eq-Frntur	800.00	800.00			550.00	250.00	31.25
5001 Office Supplies	2,500.00	2,500.00			79.96	2,420.04	96.80
5002 Commission On Aging	281,872.00	281,872.00	18,772.15	34,154.28	11,784.96	235,932.76	83.70



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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 Common Council/Commission on Aging
August 2009

Department of Elderly Services

527 incoming information calls handled

Elmwood Hall Senior Center

139 program offerings

Highlights: Giant Crossword Puzzle Group, The Names They Left Behind, Ice Cream Social, Meet CACD (Community Action Committee of Danbury) RSVP's New Host Agency

Municipal Agent

355 office/phone appointments, 759 Rent Rebate Applications Processed to Date

Monthly Concerns: SAVE - City's Seniors Add Value Experience Program, CT. Prescription Program (ConnPACE), Low Income Subsidy Program for Medicare Part D, Elderly & Disabled Benefits information, area senior and disabled housing options, Medicare, Medicare Advantage Programs, Medicaid, Home Care Options, Respite Care Options, Medicare Rx Plans, Medicare Savings Plans, CT Rent Rebate Program, Stimulus Payment Money, DSS Protective Services

SeniorNet

SeniorNet volunteers take the summer off.

Van Transportation Program

263 one way trips

Commission on Aging Report, Sept. 8th, 2009 Municipal Agent Report by Margaret Emerito

HAND OUT UPDATES:

**Homecare & Quality of Life Resource List: added:
Case Manager Patricia Werlau**

RENT REBATE:

So far Marlene and I have completed 822 Rebate applications. The program officially ends 9/15/09. We have many more applications to be completed and many more that we are waiting for documentation. There is a process for applying late but only for medical reasons. This process involves getting written approval from the State of Connecticut's Office of Policy & Management.

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.

**FILED MY ANNUAL MUNICIPAL AGENT'S
REPORT – copy attached.**

ConnPACE Plus: No New Information

CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF SENIORS
 MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY
 (JULY 2008– JUNE 2009)
 ANNUAL REPORT

8/12/09

AAA Region: (circle one): North Central Southwestern Western South Central Eastern

Municipal Agent on Record Margaret Emerito
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 Town Danbury
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The MA annual report has been modified to fit into most towns Fiscal Reporting Period starting on July 1st of each year and ending with June 30th. The report requires you to document the number of inquiries you receive and the number of referrals you make throughout the year, from seniors or someone acting on their behalf. Please list below the number of inquiries and referrals you have tallied in the service categories listed on this sheet. Do not report the number of seniors participating in a program such as the number of seniors eating at the congregate meal site but do report the number of seniors attending a program that you have arranged such as "health insurance counseling."

Service Category	# of Inquiries	Service Category	# of Inquiries
Abuse/Neglect/Fraud	6	Food Pantry/Other	15
Adult Day Care	5	Food Stamps	15
Adult Foster Care	0	Health Insurance (CHOICES)	90
Assisted Living	60	Home Health Aide/Visiting Nurse	125
Chore/Homemaker/Friendly Visitor	125	Home Share Program	3
Companion/Live-in	125	Housing	45
Congregate Meals	4	Income Tax	100
Conservatorships	6	Legal	25
ConnPACE /ConnMAP	200	Long Term Care	125
CT Homecare Program	125	Managed Care/Medigap	150
Energy Assistance	100	Medicaid	60
Medicare	214	Tax/Rent Rebate	600
Meals on Wheels	12	Transportation	50
Nursing Home	55	Veteran's Program	35
Respite	15	Wills/Trusts	25
Social Security	85	Support Groups	6
State Supplemental/SSI	29	TOTAL INQUIRES	2635