

Danbury Commission on Aging  
Minutes of June 11, 2013  
Elmwood Hall, Danbury Senior Center

Present: Charlotte Barrows, Neil Corday, Jay Geib, Mary Mazzucco, Ellen Seidman,  
Annemarie Walker, Estelle Zimmer  
Alternates: Connie Vitetta, Carol Gerner  
Staff: Margaret Emerito, Michelle McNamara, Susan Tomanio  
Absent: Natalie Farrar, Susan Tiso

Estelle Zimmer called the meeting to order at 1:05PM.

Minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved after changes noted as follows:

Neil Corday noted that the first and last names will be used throughout the minutes not just in the financial report. Susan Tomanio's Director of Elderly Services report was brought to the meeting.

**Financial Report/Director of Elderly Services Report/Senior Center Coordinator Report:** Copy submitted to commission members.

**Municipal Agent Report:** Copy submitted to commission members.

**Old Business:** Estelle Zimmer asked Susan Tomanio about any updates regarding computer classes. Susan said that the Computer and Tech Center has been restructured and as of last week was up and running. Neil Corday (who is also a Tech Center volunteer instructor) said that the center is not yet up and running. The restructuring includes removing the Tech Center from the Senior Center and moving the Tech Center's funds to the City's Finance Dept. Tech Center volunteers are concerned that the complex nature of the new structure might inhibit our ability to deliver our service to the seniors of our community. Estelle also asked Susan about the Learning Exchange Program. Susan said that they have reached out to West Conn to see what can be done. Discussion about getting the seniors transportation to West Conn and Susan said that she can contact the Sweet Hart Bus to possibly provide transportation.

**New Business:** It was agreed upon by all commission members that the department reports will be e-mailed to all COA members prior to each monthly meeting

Charlotte Barrows had an update from James Maloney regarding the senior housing project proposed for the old police building site. It was suggested that Mr. Maloney speak at the September meeting to provide an update. Other senior housing options were discussed as well.

Estelle Zimmer called the meeting to end at 1:40PM.

Just a reminder: As of September the Danbury Commission on Aging meetings will be held at City Hall in Room C2.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Mazzucco, Secretary  
Danbury Commission on Aging

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DATE: May 23, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor Mark D. Boughton  
Members of the City Council

FROM: Susan M. Tomanio, LCSW  
Director of Elderly Services

RE: Department Report for City Council Meeting  
Reporting Period: (4/29/13 – 5/23/13)

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**Department of Elderly Services** - 284 incoming information calls

**Elmwood Hall Senior Center** - 299 seniors, 1,693 visits / services (statistics on seniors with memberships cards only)

**Program Highlights:** The Important of Cancer Screenings, English Tea Party, Protect Yourself against Medicare and Consumer Fraud, Elmwood Hall Golf Club, Country Western Line Dance, Jam with JoAnne and the New Band

**Municipal Agent** – 543 office/phone appointments

**Monthly Concerns:** 2012 Rent Rebate Program, care giving and long term care options, Medicare Savings Program, elderly & disabled benefits information, area senior and disabled housing options, Medicare, Medigap, Medicare D & Medicare Advantage counseling, Medicaid, elder law and attorneys referrals, home care options, respite care options, Dept. of Social Services Protective Services referrals

**Van Transportation Program** – 307 one way trips

**Donations:** All donations are for performances by the Senior Center Chorus: Glen Crest: \$25, Almost Home, \$25, Glen Hill, \$25

**Connections / Collaborations:** Aging in Place Steering Committee of the Peter and Carmen Lucia Buck Foundation, State Commission on Aging (board member), Livable Communities Subcommittee

**Commission on Aging – JUNE 2013**  
**Municipal Agent Report by Margaret Emerito 6/47/13**

**My Program - Aging: The Good, Bad & Ugly**

**Due to the Rent Rebate Program, we'll take the summer off and resume again in the fall.**

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**2012 Rent Rebate: CT. Making progress. Many new applicants have been calling to begin the application process. The applications are then completed through the mail.**

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**The CT Department on Aging has a new client information line. This should please DSS clients because most often it is difficult to get through to the local office's line. Frequently, when one can get through, the case worker is unavailable and the voice mail is full. The number is 1-855-578-4515. This line is supposed to allow clients to get the information needed without waiting to speak to a DSS worker.**

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