

Danbury Commission on Aging -- Minutes of January 13, 2015

Co-chair Mary Mazzucco called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Attending: Jay Geib, Angela Hylenski, Mary Mazzucco, Barbara Newland, Annemarie Walker, Connie Vitetta, Neil Corday

Staff: Susan Tomanio - Director, Michelle McNamara - Activities Director - Department of Elderly Services

Absent: Charlotte Barrows, Carol Gerner, Mary Beth Hickey, John Schroeder, Riva Shoshanna, Estelle Zimmer

Guests: Guest speaker Katy Johannnsen of Ridgefield VNA, Danbury resident Audrey Martin

Minutes: Minutes of November 13, 2014 were accepted as presented.

Guest speaker: Katy Johannnsen spoke about Home Health Navigation.

When a patient leaves a hospital or nursing facility, the Home Health Navigator tells them what to expect from home care. VNA meets with the patient, gets details about living arrangements, insurance, etc. Then explains benefits and how the process works. The Home Health Navigator forwards the information to a VNA clinician who will work with the patient at home. A case manager helps the patient choose from the available home services before being discharged.

Ms. Johannnsen distributed a brochure—"Caring Across the Generations"—describing VNA's programs and services.

OLD BUSINESS

Marnie Emerito has resigned her position as Municipal Agent.

There is no word yet from Mayor Boughton about a replacement.

Until there is, Susan Tomanio, Michelle McNamara and Joyce Kuen of the Department of Elderly Services will take on the functions of Municipal Agent.

Future Scam presentation:

Can be scheduled in April or May, based on Senior Center's calendar.

Co-chairs Mary Mazzucco & John Schroeder will meet with Susan Tomanio to begin planning.

General discussion continued about ideas & possibilities.

Aging in Place is a council of providers in the community.

They will demonstrate their new Senior Resources website on Wednesday, January 14, 1:00 pm, at the Elmwood Senior Center.

Guest Speakers:

February: Linda Pinkney of Regional Hospice will talk about the new hospice residence at the Matrix Center.

March: Jean Campbell (JF Campbell Consultants - *Making Connections in Health Care*) will discuss the importance of being your own advocate at medical appointments.

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NEW BUSINESS

Jay Geib moved to Bethel and is, therefore, no longer eligible to serve as a Commissioner. Jay will submit his resignation.

Neil Corday was elected Secretary.

ADJOURNED at 1:40 pm.

Prepared and submitted by Neil Corday, Secretary