

Danbury Commission on Aging -- Minutes of April 14, 2015

Co-chair Mary Mazzucco called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

Attending: Mary Beth Hickey, Mary Mazzucco, Barbara Newland, Annemarie Walker, Estelle Zimmer, Neil Corday

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

Absent: Charlotte Barrows, Carol Gerner, Angela Hylenski, Riva Shoshanna, John Schroeder, Connie Vitetta

Minutes of March 10, 2015 were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Mary Mazzucco and John Schroeder will be unable to attend the Scam presentation on Wed. April 22.

Neil Corday will confirm all details with guest speaker Don McGran, and will handle the introduction. Mary encouraged all COA members to attend.

Guest Speakers:

May: Linda Pinckney of Regional Hospice will discuss the new Regional Hospice Center for Comfort Care & Healing.

June: Carol Gerner plans to invite an employment coaching specialist from Goodwill Industries, to discuss skills needed to find employment.

NEW BUSINESS

Co-chair John Schroeder will be unable to attend in May and June.

Charlotte Barrows has been unable to attend for several months.

Mary Mazzucco will discuss Charlotte's status with her and will report back to the Commission.

State budget presentation will be Tuesday, April 21, 12:30pm, at Elmwood Hall.

Will include an overview of proposed budget cuts and how they will affect senior citizens.

Mary Mazzucco urged COA members to attend.

RSVP to Michelle McNamara at m.mcnamara@danbury-ct.gov

Mary Mazzucco suggested that we create a **Senior Housing Options Forum**.

The intent is to bring speakers from various organizations to cover a broad spectrum of senior housing options, e.g., assisted living, low income living, etc. and to present the

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information to Danbury's seniors. Mary asked COA members to think about who we want to invite.

ORDINANCE UPDATE: Still no word from the Ad Hoc committee regarding the next step or their next meeting.

ADJOURNED at 1:30 pm.

Prepared and submitted by Neil Corday, Secretary