



# Danbury Commission for Persons With disAbilities

155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810

John M. Gentile, Chair  
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## Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm.

1. Present: John Gentile, Rose Marie Bouclier, Joanne LaPorta, Bill Lewis, John Neumuller, Frances Ryan  
Absent: Paul Kachevsky, Roberto Perez, Frank Reed, Chad Sinanian  
Guests: John Gentile, Jr.
2. Reviewed and accepted November 13<sup>th</sup> minutes
3. Phone log – 0 calls
4. On Demand Transportation Update: John Gentile plans to call WeCAHR and Ability Beyond Disability to discuss the On Demand Transportation issue.
5. 2012 Recognition Award: John Gentile and the Carousel at the Mall management are in the process of setting a date to receive the award.
6. Handouts:
  - a. The Connecticut Developmental Disabilities Network (*which includes three Connecticut organizations, the Developmental Disabilities Council, the Office of Protection & Advocacy and the University Center for Excellence in Development Disabilities, Research, Education and Service*) is conducting a survey to assess the impact of **Storm Sandy on Connecticut's residents with disabilities**. Please contact Tierney Giannotti at [tgiannotti@uchc.edu](mailto:tgiannotti@uchc.edu) or at (860) 679-1516 or Toll Free at (866) 623-1315 or by TTY at (860) 679-1502.



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- b. WeCAHR (Western CT Association for Human Rights) is currently supporting an initiative sponsored by the CT Council of Developmental Disabilities to demonstrate the implementation of the aging-in-place concept in the greater Danbury region. The primary focus is to demonstrate the ability to create a Naturally Occurring Living Community (NOLC) for aging persons with disabilities. WeCAHR is currently working with AgePlan, a consulting agency specializing in promoting successful aging, to create tools, assess the community, build on existing networks as well as create new networks and identifying individuals for the project to demonstrate the ability to create a NOLC. The next meeting will be January 16, 2013 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at the WeCAHR office, 268 Main St, Danbury, CT 06810

7. Open discussion:

8. Next meeting will be January 8, 2013

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances Ryan, Secretary

Attest,  
John Gentile, Chairman