



City of Danbury Commission for Persons with disAbilities
155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810

Monthly Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2014 - 6:30pm

in attendance: John Gentile (Chairman), Rose Marie Bouciler, Annie Dance, Joanne LaPorta, John Neumuller, Chad Sinanian

absent: Paul Kachevsky, William Lewis, Bobby Perez, Frances Ryan

guests: John Michael Gentile, Michelle Place, Brenda Moon

meeting called to order at 6:40pm

- Welcome & Introduction: John Gentile
- Review & Accept Minutes: May 13, 2014 - approved
- Phone Log: John Gentile
- Special guests:
 - Commissioner Frank Reed invited our special guests
 - Brenda Moon from Medical Home Care in Bethel conducted a presentation regarding durable medical equipment as related to the Affordable Care Act and competitive bidding
 - see attachments
 - Medicare-competitive bidding issues
 - we viewed this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmUgeX1uxpQ>
 - for details about competitive bidding see:
 - www.medicare.gov/supplierdirectory/search.html
 - www.medicare.gov/what-medicare-covers/part-b/dme-program-bidding-areas.html
 - view more information at www.medicalhomecarect.com/index.htm
 - Michelle Place, Occupational Therapist from Western Connecticut Home Care (Danbury Hospital) discussed issues of concern regarding the Affordable Care Act and challenges obtaining services
 - John Gentile suggested that Frank Reed get in touch with Sen. Blumenthal to see where he stands with the issue, and for assistance he needs
 - E-newsletter update: Annie Dance
 - reimbursement request submitted for April and May
 - Last e-newsletter sent on 5/30/2014 - [Join us in observing National Mental Health Awareness Month](#) - for statistics & organizations that opened it please see addendum
 - for past e-newsletters visit tinyurl.com/DanburyC4PWDarchive
 - upcoming possible e-newsletter topics:
 - Election Day/ADA (link to ada.gov/votingchecklist.htm & video - eac.gov/making_polling_places_accessible)

- Social media report as of 6/9/14

<u>2014 Social Media Report</u>	<u>Facebook Likes</u>	<u>Twitter Followers</u>	<u>Twitter Tweets</u>
June	33	179	286
May	26	163	262
April	23	151	222
March	21	143	Data not available
February	20	131	Data not available
January	20	110	Data not available

- On Demand Transportation: (kept as an open item)
 - RoseMarie and Fran attended the CT DOT hearing in Danbury
 - they conveyed the Commission's concerns
 - bench issue at HARTransit Pulse Point - Kennedy Ave (between Main St. & New St.)
 - John Gentile received response from Rick at HARTransit - they are looking into issue and have taken ownership of it
- Danbury Buddy Ball Program (training program for children): Update - Frank Reed
 - Will keep as an open item on agenda for future meetings
 - Rose Marie reached out to them to get a flyer
 - Miracle League of CT in West Hartford - John Slifka serves on the Board, will send John Gentile information to give to Buddy Ball organizers
- Open Discussion
- Next Meeting: September 9, 2014
Enjoy your summer - and keep the conversation going on Facebook and Twitter!

meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Annie Dance, Secretary

Attest, John Gentile, Chairman

addendum

- Last e-newsletter e-mail statistics

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- nearly 220 people, from over 80 organizations opened our last e-newsletter including people from the following organizations:

ABC News

ADA Coalition of CT

AIDS Connecticut (ACT)

Ashfield Healthcare

Bloomberg.com

BMC HealthNet Plan

Bridgeport Mayor

Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust

Carousel News

CBS

CHRO - Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities

City of Danbury

City of Danbury - Equal Housing Opportunity Program

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City of Danbury Danbury Recreation Programs

City of Danbury Fire Department

City of Danbury Health and Human Services Department

City of Danbury Police Department

City of Danbury, Mayor's Office

City of New Haven

CNN

Comcast - community show

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF (CAD)

Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA)

Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress

Connecticut Magazine

Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center

CONNECTICUT PARENT ADVOCACY CENTER (CPAC)

CONNECTICUT STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC)

CT Mirror

CT State Police

CT State Rep.- 98th district (D)

Cuyler News Service

Danbury Children First, Inc.

Danbury City Council

Danbury Daily Voice

Danbury Fire Department

Danbury Hospital

Danbury Professional Firefighters Union Local 801

Fox Connecticut

Hartford Courant

HARTransit

Harvard School of Public Health

Health Resources in Action

Hearst Media Services, Connecticut

LADIES' HOME JOURNAL

Lifespan/Women's Medicine Collaborative

MA Department of Public Health

Mark Boughton for Governor

Mayor's Office, City of Danbury

Mental Health Association of Connecticut Inc.

Middlesex Hospital

National Diabetes Education Program

National Federation of the Blind

New England ADA Center

News 12 Westchester

News Times

Orange County Post (NY)

Register Star (registerstar.com)

RespectAbility
Reuters
St Joseph Hospital

State of CT Commission on Aging
State of CT Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities
State of CT Dept of Mental Health & Addiction Services
State of CT Dept of Public Health
State of CT Dept of Social Services
State of CT Dept. of Emergency Services and Public Protection
State of CT Dept. of Labor
State of CT Insurance Dept.
State of CT Legislative Management
State of CT Permanent Commission On The Status Of Women
The Cornwall Local
The Journal News
The New York Times
The News-Times
The Putnam County Courier
Time
WABC TV
WBNR AM
Westchester News
Woman's Day (Hearst)