



Social Services Commission
Caroline Temlock Teichman, Chair
Kathleen Lombardo
Dorye Jackson
Ellen Petersen

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, Connecticut 06901

Minutes for November 12, 2019

ATTENDEES:

Commission Members

Caroline Temlock Teichman
Kate Lombardo
Ellen Petersen
Dorye Jackson

Public Safety Staff

Ellen Bromley, Social Services Director

Other Staff/ Guest

Maria Millan, Senior Outreach Coordinator
Susan LaPerla, Director of Public Services, Ferguson
Library

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment

David Espina, a member of the public attended the meeting, but did not address the Commission other than to let members know that is interested in their work.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes from the September and October 2019 meetings were approved.

Old Business

With respect to financial literacy and the young adult population, the Chair reported that she would be meeting with Lana Gifas, Executive Director of the Women's Mentoring Network. She also met with _____ from Child Guidance and was briefed on the financial literacy training Child Guidance provides to its staff via a relationship with Wells Fargo. She asked whether Commission members would like her to reach out to Wells Fargo and invite its representative to come tell them more about that effort. They do.

Senior Outreach Coordinator Presentation

Maria Millan briefed the Commission on her work. Her main assignment is to provide one-to-one application and enrollment assistance with respect to a number of federal and state and health insurance programs targeted at income eligible and/or just uninsured Stamford residents. These include: Access Health Connecticut (Obamacare); HUSKY and Title XIX (also known as Medicaid); Medicare Part D; Medicare Savings Programs (for income eligible seniors) including: QMB which pays Medicare Part A & B premiums, Medicare deductibles and Medicare co-payments for eligible seniors; and SLMB and ALMB which pay the Part B premium. She also shared several examples of additional casework type assistance she provides to clients on an "as needed" basis.

Director of Public Services (Ferguson Library) Presentation

Susan LaPerla briefed the Commission on programs the Library, often in conjunction with community partners (local nonprofits – Family Centers, Building One Community, etc.) runs for the benefit of Stamford’s immigrant communities, including, but not limited to citizenship classes, English proficiency classes, discussion groups and free computer access. She also provided information on a wide range of other resources offered through Library. Examples included vocational assistance, multicultural programming and hosting lectures, book and author sessions and other special events.

Report from Director of Social Services

There are no new or pending Fair Rent complaints

New Business

None

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Ellen Bromley

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