



## **SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

888 Washington Blvd.  
Stamford, CT 06901

### **Minutes for March 17, 2015 Meeting**

#### **ATTENDEES:**

##### **Commission Members**

Sandra Peterkin  
Kate Lombardo  
Caroline Temlock Teichman

##### **Public Safety Staff**

Ellen Bromley, SS Commission Coordinator  
Kathy Ruther, Secretary

##### **Public**

Ben Aponte

##### **Health Department Staff**

Sharona Cowan, Director, Mandated Services

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Meeting came to order at 4:13pm and was presided over by Commissioner Sandra Peterkin.

#### **Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes from February, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

**Motion** – Kate Lombardo made motion to accept minutes, seconded by Sandra Peterkin and motion carried unanimously.

#### **Public Comment**

No members of the public present.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Fair Rent Activity - Ellen Bromley, Social Services Commission Coordinator**

Ellen reviewed recent Fair Rent activity, handing out a written report to the Commissioners. There is a hearing pending but currently postponed. She also described an inquiry about rent increases that she received.

- The Commissioners discussed numbering informal inquires, the group decides that inquiries would receive a number at the time an application is made.
- Ellen discusses the “Below Market Housing” program. HUD has announced that \$127.9K is the new median income for a family of 4, so the qualifying salary for BMR is 50% of that, or approx. \$63, 950.
- The Commissioners discussed implications of parties bringing legal representation with them to hearings.
- Ellen reviewed the CDBG activities with the Commission.

Update on Survey Project

- Commissioner Peterkin reviewed survey results received to-date.
- Commissioner Temlock Teichman will investigate adding respondents and speak with Terri Drew regarding her email list.
- Commissioner Peterkin will review with Ellen Bromley.

**New Business**

No new business.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:07pm.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully submitted:  
Kathy Ruther