



Social Services Commission
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SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

888 Washington Blvd.
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Minutes for June 17, 2014 Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Commission Members

Sandra Peterkin, Chair
Moira Colangelo
Kate Lombardo
Caroline Temlock Teichman

Public Safety Staff

Ted Jankowski, Director
Kathy Ruther, Secretary

Health Department Staff

Anne Fountain, Director Health Department
Sharona Cowan, Director, Mandated Services

Public

Martin Levine
Monica Smyth
Frank Vartuli

Meeting came to order at 4:12pm and was presided over by Chairman Sandra Peterkin. Commissioner McCabe absent.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes from April 15, 2014 meeting were approved with corrections.

Motion - Commissioner Lombardo made motion to accept minutes with typo corrected, seconded by Commissioner Colangelo and motion carried (02:25).

New Commissioner

The Commission welcomes new Commissioner Caroline Temlock Teichman (02:53).

Old Business

Sharona Cowan, Director of Mandated Services, Health Department (03:52)

Sharona reports no new Fair Rent complaints since last meeting, and presented the Interim Investigators Report (Attachment A). The group agrees that a "Special Meeting" can be called to make decisions to hear a case, or to hear a case. The Chair notes that no hearings will be scheduled for next meeting.

Ted Jankowski, Director, Public Safety, Health & Welfare (11:09)

Ted reviewed new Social Services Coordinator position status. The position was approved by the Board of Representatives, and will be posted soon.

New Business

Letter of Support (12:10)

Commissioner Peterkin reads text of a letter of support that was sent on behalf of the CT Agency on Aging in their request for grant monies.

Update on Survey Projects (14:00)

Subcommittees report out.

- Sandra reports that she has reviewed Norwalk web site, and discussed their involvement in endorsing City events.
- Ted Jankowski suggests the Commissioners could sit in on Health Commission meetings to see how they are involved with Community groups. The Commission discusses how to get involved and develop ties to Community groups.
 - ~ Anne Fountain discusses Hoarding Task Force as an issue she would like to see the Commission become involved in.
 - ~ Additional issues are discussed that could use the Commissions involvement such as Housing Task Force (Elaine Mitchell), seniors issues and Food Bank client's issues.
 - ~ 211 and database of Agencies discussed (Kathy to put list on web site).
- Priorities and scope of the Commission (34:00)
 - ~ The Commission is looking forward to the Social Services Coordinator joining; discussion around outreach to and communication with, Stamford agencies.
 - ~ Discussion around inviting local Agencies to meet with the Commission. Surveying local Agencies to ask their needs. Possibly hold an "Open House" for the public, at a later date.
 - ~ Sandra will ask Dan to provide his draft of survey questions. Discussion of process of reaching out to Agency directors.
 - ~ Subcommittees can be assisted by volunteers, or a "task force" can be formed with volunteers.

Next Steps –

Moira will follow-up with Dan to review survey questions (what section of the city are you in; what are your 3 top priorities). Moira will also share draft with Anne Fountain's office. Survey Monkey might be a good tool for conducting the survey.

Kate will update list of Agencies for next meeting.

Resignation

Commissioner McCabe texted Commissioner Peterkin that he intends to submit his resignation from the Commission. (1:14:29)

Next meeting is scheduled for July 15th. Commissioner Lombardo will Chair the meeting in Commissioner Peterkin's absence.

Motion - Commissioner Colangelo made motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Lombardo (1:17:53).

Meeting adjourned at 5:27pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Kathy Ruther