



SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

888 Washington Blvd.
Stamford, CT 06901

Minutes for December 16, 2014 Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Commission Members

Sandra Peterkin
Kate Lombardo
Caroline Temlock Teichman

Public Safety Staff

Ted Jankowski, Director, Public Safety
Ellen Bromley, SS Commission Coordinator
Kathy Ruther, Secretary

Health Department Staff

Anne Fountain, Director, Stamford Health Dept.
Sharona Cowan, Director, Mandated Services

Meeting came to order at 4:07pm and was presided over by Commissioner Sandra Peterkin.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes from November 18th, 2014 meeting were approved with corrections.

Motion – Commissioner Temlock Teichman made motion to accept minutes, seconded by Commissioner Peterkin and motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Motion - Commissioner Temlock Teichman moves to begin a 6 month continuation of the policy of including a period for Public Comment on the Commission's regular monthly Agenda, to be limited to 3 minutes each. Seconded by Commissioner Lombardo, motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Fair Rent Activity - Ellen Bromley, Social Services Commission Coordinator

Ellen reviewed recent Fair Rent activity, general discussion with the Commission. The Commission requests more detail on future reports, feeling a written summary would assist them in getting a sense of volume and nature of inquiries. There are no hearings scheduled.

Update on Survey Project

- Commissioner Peterkin circulates a draft of the cover letter for review and discussion (Attachment C).

- Commissioner Peterkin circulates a print-off of the draft survey for review and discussion (Attachment B).
- The Commission edits survey, especially noting to add number of clients served; a number of changes are discussed.
- Commissioner Temlock Teichman reiterates the 3-stage process of survey agencies, interview agencies, invite users to discuss their experiences.
- Date of issue will be January 5th, with return requested by February 5th. Commissioner Peterkin and Commissioner Temlock Teichman will complete after circulating final draft.

New Business

2015 Calendar of Meetings - Meetings will continue at 4:00pm and the third Tuesday of each month.

Social Services Commission Coordinator Report – Ellen Bromley presented the Commission with a report of recent activities (Attachment A).

Inspirica Overnight Warming Shelter – Anne Fountain reports to the Commission on the recent agreement between the City and Inspirica to extend to overnight, those days when the Governor announces that warming shelters be opened.

Adjournment

Next regular meeting yet to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Kathy Ruther