

Minutes of the Social Services Commission  
March 10, 2011 – 8:30 a.m. – Senior Center

Members present: David Reed-Brown, Faith Roebelen, Ruth Clark, Bridget Fidler, Sharen Kozaczka, Shirley Edmonds Van Allen  
Directors present: Paula Pascoe, Janet Frechette, and Peter Black; Denise Winiarski excused.  
Guest; Marcia DuFore

Chairman David Reed-Brown called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.  
Citizen Comment: None  
Minutes of the Feb. 10 meeting; The minutes were approved as amended by the correct spelling of the name of Ms. DuFore.

Directors' Reports

**Paula Pascoe, Senior Center Director**, distributed her written report. She reported new programs: Medication Review with Dr. Leonhardt begins in April on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, 1-3 p.m, by appointment. Marcia Hess, an elder attorney, will be hosting every other month, "Ask the Attorney." This program will begin in May. She noted that the annual Volunteer Recognition is breakfast this year and will be held March 22 at 1:30 a.m. Tickets are now available for the Dinner with Gershwin, April 29 at 5:30 p.m. The Senior Center will prepare the dinner. The Commission complimented Paula for the new programs; these programs offer much needed information.

**Janet Frechette, Executive Director, EAA, Social Services**, distributed her written report. As of March 10, 214 applications have been submitted to CRT for fuel aid. She regretted to report that the Operation Fuel was closing to new applications as of Feb. 18. Also, she was notified on Feb. 18, that Joe-4-Oil was done. That leaves the EAA Private Fuel Bank to handle all fuel emergencies from this point. She noted that donations to the EAA Private Fuel Bank have been good, and she is confident that we can make it till warmer weather. She reported that the Meals-On-Wheels, CRT, is hosting a volunteer recognition event for volunteers in Hartford on April 28. She stated that the Suffield Police Dept. is sponsoring a food drive for the EAA Food Bank April 8 outside of Highland Park Market.

**Peter Black, Youth Services Director**, distributed his written report. He noted that this month has been focused on individual services. Eleven new referrals have been received, all involving families. At present, he is working with 36 individuals. He is please to report that there has been growth in private therapists practicing in Town. As requested by the Commission, he will share names, phone numbers, etc. to the Secretary and she will email such information to the members.

**Denise Winiarski, Mini Bus Director**, sent her written report with Mr. Black who distributed copies to the members. She reported that caller volume and requests for

service information is escalating as is normal for spring. She noted that she is expecting an upswing in use as the gas prices escalate. The statistics for February are as follows: Passengers, 602; Miles traveled, 5,382, Passengers per day, 33 and 615 gallons of fuel used.

Budget Process: The Board of Finance will review the budgets of Senior Center, Youth Services, Monday, March 21 at the Police Station Conference Room at 7 p.m.

The meeting was voted adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary

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