

**THE COMMISSION FOR SENIOR SERVICES
&
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**

MINUTES - Revised

TUESDAY, September 11th, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: HSC - Bob Galan, Claudia Coplen, Ken Bernhard, & Beth Selby Bass

CSS - Leslie Wolf, Peter Kolbrener, and Lee Bollert,

Excused: Les Wolf, Janet Filling, Peter Powell, Yvonne Senturia, **Bob Fox**, and Jo Fuchs-Luscombe

Staff: Elaine Daignault, Susan Stefenson, Kristen Witt, and Sue Pfister

Approval of Minutes from June 2018

DHS Staff Report & Updates, Elaine Daignault

- The Town of Westport has received notice that we received \$363,791 for Public Service dollars to provide Diversionary Specialists throughout Fairfield County.
- Center for Senior Activities Enhancement Update – the project is on time and on budget. WCSA continues to fund raise for specific needs that are not covered under the renovations. Examples include: gym equipment and kitchen supplies
- Commission on People with Disabilities' project of a Voluntary Registry for People with Disabilities with DHS and Westport Police has launched. We have 15 registrants so far.
- DHS is about to launch a new online donation option for our social services programs. It is called We Care Westport. (see handout for details) Stay tuned for the press release coming soon.
- Discussion of Emergency and disaster Services responsibilities of DHS - ideas to assist in implementing needed outreach included automated phone calls to at risk clients, training commission members to assist and considering new ways to engage residents in informing DHS of their needs.
- Discussion on marketing and branding of DHS, this topic will be revisited at future meetings.

Commission break-out discussions on 2018 - TABLED UNTIL NEXT TIME

- **Human Services Commission**

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: *Tuesday, October 9th at 9AM