

**COMMISSION ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
October 5, 2011**

STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING COMMUNITY ROOM

The regular meeting of the Commission on Aging was held on October 5, 2011 in the Human Services Building Community Room. Members present were: Maryann Bessette, Stacy Cassata, Betty Croteau, Karen Hawthorn, Toni Potter, and Lisa Ryan, Also attending: Carol Umphlett Agent For The Elderly, Stonington Human Services. Unable to attend: George Brennan, R.J. Connelly, Robert Elmer, Betty Henry and Billie Ward.

Guests: Stonington High School Citizens in Action were Jordan Auber, Destiny Hartmann, Keegan Gray, Brittany Henry, Matthew Tetreault, Allison Murphy, and Stacy Cassah.

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Ryan at 4:03 p.m.

Minutes from the June meeting were presented. There was a correction on the meeting time for the S.A.L.T. commission. At the time of the June meeting, the venue and meeting date were tentative. The actual date the meeting was held was September 16, 2011 and the meeting was held at the Stonington COMO. Motion to accept was made by Toni Potter. Seconded by Maryann Bessette. Motion Carried. No meetings held in July or August.

Treasurer's Report was not available and will be presented at November meeting.

Carol Umphlett, Agent For the Elderly, Stonington Human Services reported that Renter's Rebate finished on September 15. Total contacts in September were 109; total applicants for the year was 243 applicants. Medicare contacts in September were 47; other medical contacts 24; Social Security Contacts 4, Energy Assistance Applicants 117 (71 were seniors). Total contacts 616; 284 were seniors.

Carol reported that the Medicare Open Enrollment period begins October 15, 2011.

Carol reported on senior activities on behalf of Kristen King, Human Services Coordinator: On September 16, there were 22 seniors attending TRIAD workshop "Seniors and the Law". The trip to the GoodSpeed Opera House for September 28 was cancelled due to lack of participants. Upcoming events:

Senior Lunch and Learn begins October 7, 2011. All lunches are full. Monday Lunch and a Movie begins October 17, 2011. October 19, 2011 AARP Safe Drivers at Stonington Human Services; October 21, 2011 Tour Boston Day Trip (2 spots left), November 16, 2011 AARP at Stonington Human Services (this class is free for Veterans and their spouses), November 18, TRIAD Breakfast Series "Scams and Frauds" 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Mystic Y.M.C.A.

Lisa Ryan, legislative liaison for the Stonington COA, reported that at the Senior Resources Board meeting the TVCCA stated that they are "underserving" Meals on Wheels (not meeting the goals that they had set up.) Lisa also reported that Connecticut will be allowing PCA's (personal care assistants) to be independent contractors. This could open the door to unionization. If this groups decides to move in that direction it could potentially mean that people who are on waiver programs would not be able to afford home care.

Correspondence:

Chair, Lisa Ryan signed the official Regular Meeting form for the Stonington Commission on Aging to be sent to the Stonington Town Clerk .

OLD BUSINESS:

Toni Potter will follow up with the Reverend Kevin Reilly with regard to the open Clergy position that is open on the Commission on Aging.

NEW BUSINESS

Absentee ballots are available to seniors for the November election.

Toni Potter announced that the Noank Mystic Community Band will perform on December 4, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Hall on Main Street in Mystic, CT. There will be refreshments and the event is free and open to the public.

Motion to adjourn at 4:37 pm made by Maryann Bessette. Seconded by Betty Croteau. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Hawthorn
Secretary