

DARIEN SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting of June 8, 2012

Present: Olive Hauser, Debra Hertz, Nancy Herling, Ali Ramsteck, Inta Adams, Melisse Reardon , Polly Lowman, Beverly Kelsey

Minutes: Minutes of the May 11, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.

Agenda Items Covered:

1. **Update on Project Lifesaver:** A decision was made not to endorse this proposal for Darien. After a careful review, it was felt that the technology was outdated and expensive to maintain, and would require extensive man hours to monitor.
2. **Marketing Plan:** There was consensus that DSSC needs to market itself more broadly in town to assure that individuals who might benefit from DSSC services are aware of what we offer. Ali has started to develop partnerships with the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts to support the Back to School program, Christmas and the Home Goods Closet.
3. **RTM Charter Reform Update:** Olive reported that the RTM Charter Reform recommendations will go to a public hearing in July.
4. **Access Darien:** A discussion ensued about the development of a Resource Directory of various services available to people with special needs. Polly Lowman was part an initiative to develop just such a directory, along with other people who were interested but the project was never completed. Olive suggested that if we would obtain the information already collected DSS could take on the task and complete the directory. Polly believed that Susan Marks may have the information we are looking for.
5. **Commission on Aging:** It was reported that the Commission is still working on obtaining a tax rebate for eligible seniors. The Senior Center is as busy as ever and Gallivant currently has three drivers operating two vehicles daily.
6. **Update on the Shuffle:** The renovations are currently out to bid. The expectation is that the Board of Ed will move to the old library by year end and the senior center will re-locate to the Town Hall by year end 2013.
7. **Other Business:** It was agreed that Arthur Anderson, Project Manager of the Allen O'Neil renovations should be invited to attend one of our meetings, perhaps September's.

Respectively Submitted:

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