

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Attendance:

Commission Members: Lynn Goldberg, Bob Fatherley, Laura Fishman, Dick Sallick, Ed Horne, Judith Guthman, and Robert Galan

Staff: Barbara Butler, DHS Director and Elaine Daignault, Community Outreach Counselor

Guests: Anti-Blight Ordinance Committee Members, Louis Mall, RTM member and Joann Davidson

Minutes:

The minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting were approved.

Comments of the Chairman:

Lynn reviewed some of the highlights and accomplishments of the past year. She also noted the need for a liaison representative on the Commission for Senior Services.

Guest:

Louis Mall, RTM Member, reviewed the rationale and development of the Westport Anti-Blight Ordinance and the twelve sites identified as requiring attention.

New Business:

Elaine Daignault described the Hales Court After-School Pilot Program. This is the first phase of a three- year program which will involve multiple community agencies in addressing the needs of the growing number of children residing there. Programs will be evaluated by pre and post tests as well as verbal reports from participants and beneficiaries.

Department Report:

Work is progressing in implementing the Affordable Care Act.

The Department database software, Client Track is nearly ready for implementation and training is underway in using it.

The Energy Assistance Program is operating and there was a successful Holiday Giving Program

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Sallick