

Human Services Commission Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2015

**Attending:** Debra Hertz, Olive Hauser, Melisse Reardon, Lisa Stout, Nancy Herling, Holly Hawes, Jennifer Geddes, Ali Ramsteck, and Beverly Kelsey.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of May, 8, 2015 were reviewed and approved

**Agenda Items Covered:**

- Presentation by Beth Paris, Director of the Mather Senior Activity Center. Beth reviewed a number of initiatives being undertaken by the Mather Center and there many new programs. Usage of the Mather Center has increased dramatically since the move to new facilities.
- Housing Commission Report: Jennifer Geddes and Holly Hawes attended the last HC meeting. Concern was expressed about the inappropriate use of Executive Session in these meetings.
- Meeting with Op Fuel and CHFA: Ali attended a meeting with Op Fuel and CHFA. Among items discussed were the problems some clients in the Heights are experiencing with huge electric bills. CHFA will contact Height's management about some of the options they would suggestion.
- Back To School Program: There is still a need for Payless cards, back packs and school supplies Senior Men's and Helping Hands have offered to help with the program this year.
- Announcements: Olive announced the following staff changes,: Karl Kilduff is resigning August 27<sup>th</sup> to join CHFA. A search for his replacement is underway. Pam Garry has been appointed the new Parks and Rec director, coming from the North Branford Senior Center. Lee Palmer has been appointed as the new Human Resources Director, coming from the Norwalk Public schools.
- End of Fiscal Year: Human Services finished the fiscal year well, with some funds left in the equipment line that enabled us to purchase a wheel chair and some other needed items.
- The Quarterly Report was reviewed. Highlights included the growth of our programs over the past two years.
- New business: River House (providing Adult Day Care in Greenwich) is conducting a executive search for a new director.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Beverly Kelsey*

