

Senior Center Committee  
Minutes of June 9, 2015

Present: Robin Bahr Casey-Chair, Theresa Eckstrom, Chris Evans, Amy Waters, Patty Hainsworth.

Absent: Tom Cullinane, Gail Schuyler

Robin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The minutes of April 14<sup>th</sup> were approved (m/s/a).

Finances: Amy reviewed the following: City Council approved our FY'16 budget; While the full FY'16 State budget is not finalized, it appears that the COA line item will be approved at the level of \$9/elders; The Friends of Worcester's Senior Center has pledged \$25,000 for FY'16 plus an additional \$3,000 for a facility improvement project; the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund administered by DPH has been activated and payment for a portion of services has been received.

The committee reviewed various program allocations and evaluation information and considered different scenarios. It was decided to hold off on allocating the \$29,000 increase expected from state COA. After discussion, the following was recommended for FY'16 (m/s/a):

African American Elder Program	\$4,368 (\$3,240 tax levy + \$1,128 COA)
Computer Lab	\$6,000 (\$3,000 tax levy + \$3,000 Friends)
Elder Home Maintenance	\$17,995 (\$17,138 tax levy + \$857 COA)
Elder Outreach St. Paul's	\$62,488 (\$51,512 tax levy + \$10,976 COA)
Elder Outreach Ascentria	\$ 5,460 (COA)
Interpreters (non-grant)	\$ 7,000(\$4,000 tax levy + \$3,000 Friends)
Latino Elder Program	\$12,810(\$9,800 tax levy+2,310COA+700GWCF)
Senior Work Search	\$ 2,760 (COA)
Transportation	<u>\$22,525</u> (\$20,000tax levy+\$2,525 Friends)
	\$141,406
Proposals to be sought to increase Services for Latino, Iraqi, and Bhutanese Elders	<u>\$16,781</u> (\$1269 tax levy + 15,512 COA)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$158,187</b> (\$109,959 tax levy+\$39,003 COA + \$700 GWCF + \$8,525 Friends)

The committee discussed the renewal of the lease of two classrooms for Quinsigamond Community College for three years and recommended an increase in rent. Regarding development of the 26 wing, Amy reported that there is still an interested party but no letter verifying this has been received yet.

Operations: Amy reported that final interviews will take place this week for the part-time PWTF Staff Assistant. Patty briefly reviewed the status of renovations and landscaping. Programs were not reviewed due to lack of time.

Robin determined that the next meeting of the committee will be July 14, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. and called for adjournment at 5:30 p.m. (m/s/a)