

Report to Commission on Elder Affairs  
Senior Center Committee Minutes 1/12/16

Present: Theresa Eckstrom-Chair, Tom Cullinane, Gail Schuyler, Chris Evans, Patty Hainsworth, Amy Waters.

Theresa called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. The minutes of Oct 13 and Nov 10, 2015 were approved (m/s/a). The next meeting was confirmed for Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Finances: Amy reported on the following—Our city and state funding is stable and that while the Governor reduced the over-all budget by \$50 million, the COA line item was untouched; Discussion began regarding spending out contingency funds including repeating, in some form, the Older Americans Month Fitness Voucher program from last May; ESWA has committed to collaborate with us to submit a grant to Greater Worcester Community Foundation for evidence based program expenses; Subcontracted programs will be making annual presentations at upcoming board meetings prior to FY'17 allocations decisions; As projected, the Alzheimer's Association and Senior Whole Health have vacated their offices making way for the move of the clinic, increased activity space and one small office on the third floor to be rented; Amy noted that Fallon Health has expressed an interest in renting the small office and after discussion, the Senior Center Committee voted to recommend that Amy pursue them as a tenant at \$200/month. (m/s/a)

Operations: Amy reported that staffing is status quo except for the absence of the transportation monitor. Patty reported on the following: Building Services is addressing water leak in the lobby, replacement lighting, snow/ice, and boarding up low windows on the perimeter of the 26 wing for increased safety. She and Amy also reported on the research they are doing to firm up emergency procedures (e.g. "Run, Hide, Fight"). Patty highlighted some programs including the Aging Well series, AARP tax appointments, Guru Self-Defense and the fitness video on Facebook. Amy provided figures on transportation spending, showing that all is going as planned. The Senior Center Committee voted to recommend that the Commission co-sponsor with the Commission on Disabilities, a workshop on protective services for seniors and disabled individuals, similar to last year. (m/s/a) It is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 pm.

The meeting adjourned. (m/s/a)