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HAMDEN HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2019

~~The Meeting of the Hamden Human Services Commission was held at the Hamden Government Center. The Meeting convened at 7:05 pm.~~

Attendance: P. Carbine, L. Selmquist, W. Weeks and R. Weiss

Absent: C. Elbert, P. Krafcik and T. Valenti

Guest Speaker: Y'isiah Lopes, Coordinator-Community Services

Approval of Minutes: A Motion was made and passed to Approve the Minutes of October 17, 2018 by Commissioner P. Carbine and seconded by Commissioner R. Weiss.

CORRESPONDENCE

Guest Speaker – Y'isiah Lopes, Coordinator-Community Services spoke this evening about the "Free Screening Health Fair" at the Keefe Center on March 20, 2019. There were 46 people who attended. There was someone there who took blood pressure and got rushed to hospital due to its numbers. The "Screening" saved their life. There were nurses from SCSU – partner with Yale.

Mr. Y. Lopes also spoke of his past experience in Community Services. There is one thing that he seems to think helps the community center by changing around things such as furniture. This conception will give clients a change of atmosphere and they may feel like change is coming and not so "the same" as before. Changes are being made for the better. Mr. Y. Lopes is very enthusiastic about his new position and is looking to succeed and help those in need.

Mr. Y. Lopes also spoke of the Community Garden in the back of the Keefe Center will be opening.

Mr. Y. Lopes spoke on the Hamden Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is open Monday and Thursday 12:00-2:00 pm and Tuesday 2:00-4:00 pm. The Food Pantry is working on opening one (1) evening for those people who work all day and can't get to the Pantry due to hours. When it was open – out of 220 clients only 30-40 may showed up. Not sure if it will work in the evening hours.

The Food Pantry is "color coordinating" the food. Example – green (healthy) red (sodium), etc. When picking up food – the client needs a variety of nutrition. The Food Pantry also has "produce" now. The fresh produce comes from Shop-Rite. The Food Pantry works closely with Shop-Rite and Stop n' Shop. They are large donators to the Town of Hamden.

The Hamden Health Fair will be April 13, 2019 at the Keefe Center.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Sub-Committee Reports:

Community Services: Commissioner L. Selmquist will be the new Community Services commissioner to overlook the Department and give a report at each meeting.

Elderly Services: P. Carbine mentioned that the outreach people to assist a number of people in Hamden who need support.

Youth Services: Commissioner C. Elbert was not in attendance this evening.

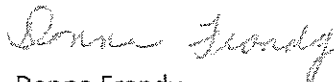
NEW BUSINESS:

The Hamden Human Services Commission would like to introduce a new commissioner – Lisa Selmquist. Ms. Selmquist is a Hamden resident and is interested in Community Services.

Adjournment: A Motion was made by Chair W. Weeks and seconded by Commissioner L. Selmquist to adjourn the meeting. The Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm

The next meeting will be April 17, 2019.
The Meeting will be held at the Center One Building.
If you are unable to attend, please contact Donna Frandy,
Recording Secretary at dfrandy@sbcglobal.net or 203-287-9388.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Frandy
Recording Secretary