

Danbury Commission on Aging  
Minutes of October 9, 2012  
Elmwood Hall, Danbury Senior Center

Present: Charlotte Barrows, Neil Corday, Natalie Farrar, Jay Geib, Mary Mazzucco, Ellen Seidman, Susan Tiso, Annemarie Walker, Estelle Zimmer  
Staff: Margaret Emerito, Susan Tomanio  
Absent: Alternate Laura Switzer,  
Alternates: Carol Gerner, Connie Vitetta, Laura Switzer

Estelle Zimmer called the meeting to order at 1:13PM.

Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. It was noted that Marnie's report was left out. She did submit report a report for the June meeting. Minutes were approved after correction noted.

Estelle also noted 2 excerpts from the policy for COA members regarding attendance and function duties. In regards to attendance she highlighted that anyone not able to attend a meeting should notify Estelle.

**Financial Report/Director of Elderly Services Report/Senior Center Coordinator Report:** Copies Attached.

**Municipal Agent Report:** Copies Attached. Marnie complete 948 Rent Rebate applications and she mentioned the upcoming changes to Medicare plans.

**New Business:** Guest speaker James Maloney stopped in to update the Commission on the progress of the proposed senior housing project at the old police station. He said that they are not sure when construction will start but he is hoping that they break ground in 2013.

Estelle proposed that we as a commission come together to assist in the senior housing project in some way. She asked that we discuss it further in the next COA meeting. All agreed.

Ellen motioned to adjourn at 2:20PM. Natalie seconded.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Mazzucco  
Secretary  
Danbury Commission on Aging

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# **Commission on Aging – October**

## **Municipal Agent Report by Margaret Emerito 10/9/12**

### **Renter Rebate:**

**My office completed 945 applications this past rebate season. People who did not complete the rebate and have a medical reason can apply for an extension of time with the State of Ct.**

### **MEDICARE:**

**Time to make changes is coming up for 2013. Medicare C (Advantage) and D (Drug Plans) window of time to enroll or make changes is Oct 15<sup>th</sup> – Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. There are changes in the plans which I am trying to learn.**

### **My Program - Aging: The Good, Bad & Ugly**

**The program began again in September on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:45.**

**Adjustments may be made in meeting frequency times.**

**Some of the first topics will include:**

**Language**

**Marriage/Relationships**

**Halloweens I Remember**

# **C.A.R.E.S. Agenda**

## **Coalition of Agencies Relating to Elderly Services**

**October 25, 2012 2:00-3:30 PM**

**At Geron Nursing & Respite Care, 42 Main St. New Milford. Directions: I 84 East or West to Exit 7, Rt. 7 North. Follow to New Milford: go past Home Depot on left, McDonald's on left, the Cook House on right. Turn right onto Rt. 67 and cross large green bridge (Veteran's Bridge). Go to the third light, continue straight for 1/2 block and turn left onto the New Milford Green (Main St.). Continue up the Green, past the large white Congregational Church on right. Look for large yellow Victorian on right #42. Sign out front of building. "RSVP if attending only" (for handout # and refreshment count) email [michael@geronnursing.com](mailto:michael@geronnursing.com) or call 860-354-7698.**

**The Meeting is "Chaired and Hosted" by:**

**Michael Gold, President and Owner of GeronNursing & Respite Care,**

**(general time frames)**

**"BRIEF" SELF INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS PRESENT 2:00 – 2:15**  
opportunity under "other business" to spend more time on your business

**SPEAKER AND TOPIC 2:15 – 3:00**

**Speaker: Catherine Kazienko, President of MNA Services, Inc.**  
**from "Grace on the Floor"**

**Topic: It's Not Old Age That Makes for Accidents**  
**New Approaches To Aging Issues\***  
**(\*Hand-on Presentation)**

**MEMBER AGENCY INFORMATION SHARE 3:00 – 3:20**

Please feel free to use a few minutes to "Describe and Highlight" your new business or a new service. This part of the meeting is when CARES members learn about and learn from each other regarding new services and agencies (businesses) in our region.

**OTHER BUSINESS 3:20 – 3:30 end**

**\*The next quarterly meeting is January 24th, 2013. We need a volunteer to "host, plan and chair" the meeting.**

**\*Members' Concerns**

**\*\*Please bring your copy of the agenda to the meeting\*\***

**The Mission of CARES: To identify, clarify, and seek solutions to issues in services and activities which affect the elderly and their families.**