

Orange Community Services Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 13, 2025 – Senior Lounge

Present: Jim White, Marianne Miller, Deb Esposito, Pat Ziman, Kevin Hadlock

Absent/Excused: Carol Imperati, Peter Boppert, Stephen Hechtman, Aileen DeFeo, Arlene Consiglio

Staff: Stacey Johnson, Dennis Marsh, Jennifer Hudson

Call to Order: 7:01 pm

Review of Minutes: Accepted: (Esposito/Miller)

Review of Latest Financial Report: Reviewed and discussed reimbursables accounts.

Director's Report:

- A resource flyer was created with food bank information in response to potential lack of SNAP benefits.
- State Grant will be awarded to Senior Center; Stacey and Dennis are working on what these funds will be used for.
- We have been hosting intern Grace Glassco from Fairfield University.
- Mayor of West Haven along with West Haven Senior Center Coordinator and other West Haven government officials toured the Orange Senior Center for ideas to upgrade the West Haven Senior Center.
- Emergency Preparedness Panel was hosted at the Senior Center in cooperation with OPD, OVFD, EMAC and Community Services.
- Stacey met with Director of Kennedy Center about new Orange Location

Senior Services Coordinator's Report:

- Veteran's Day Cabaret was held November 11th and was well attended.
- Classes: Fitness, Yoga and Zumba continue to be successful; Drumming for Seniors has been well attended.
- Movie of the Month – “The Arctic Convoy”, “The Last Rifleman”, and “Knives Out: Glass Onion”
- Art Classes including “Painting for Pleasure” and “One and Done Drawing” continue.
- New Crocheting and Knitting Group began to meet bimonthly.
- Pasta Making Classes will be held in November.
- Medicare Choices Counseling Appointments continue through December.
- Painting Clay Pots Program will be run in November.
- Lion's Club Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 30th.
- Gynecological Cancer in Older Women Presentation by Dr. Melissa Henretta from UConn Health very well attended.

Transportation Report:

- The Center is now transporting on average, 8-9 people a day to the Senior Center to participate in activities.
- 384 rides were given in October to Orange residents.
- New driver, Ronald Morgan, hired.
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Youth Services and Prevention Coordinator's Report:

- A new chairperson has not been chosen for the committee yet.
- Teen Committee meetings are being held biweekly – 20-30 7th – 12th grade students.
- Chantelle meeting with schools, superintendents, and other networking resources
- Drug Take Back Day was held on October 25th where 375 pounds of medication was disposed of by OPD.
- Funtober was held on October 25th and was very successful with 35 trunks and over 1,000 people in attendance.
- Chantelle organized Government Day and matched 23 Amity Regional High School students with department heads in different departments of Orange.

Adjournment: 7:58pm (Esposito/Ziman)

Next Meeting: December 11, 2025