Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting
February 4, 2026

Attendees: Vice Chair Robert Berman, Halesteen Graham Days, Rosemary Gunning, Marie MacDonald, Chair Patricia Miller, E. Leon Rivers, Jeanette Rivers, Shirley Thompson, Peter Wilcox

Guests: Yvette Huyghue-Pannell (Senior Services Liaison), Lori Myers (Senior Services)

Absent: Kay Sherman, Barbara Reisner

The meeting was called to order at 12:34 pm.

Old Business
The Pajama Happy Hour Plus Party was postponed until the Fall.

The Bloomfield Senior Scoop is the new name for the newsletter in the Senior Services Department. The Senior Services Department, with guidance from the Operations and Communications Department, created a new format for the newsletter. The new name of the publication has received positive feedback.

Robert Berman confirmed that the March Commission on Aging meeting will be held at Interfaith Village, 3-10 Bestor Lane, at the same date and time of our regularly scheduled COA meeting. All members of COA confirmed that they will be able to attend. Mr. Berman then stated he has contacted the Coventry Place Housing development. Coventry Place stated they are not able to meet on Wednesday, April 8 but they are able to schedule the COA visit on April 9. All board members will notify the Chair if they can attend on April 9. All members will leave 330 Park Avenue at 12:15pm on the Mini bus to travel to Interfaith Village.

New Business
The West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District will continue to hold a one-hour Healthy Lifestyle Workshop Series once a month until May 2026.

A Pre-Valentine's Day Happy Hour Plus is scheduled to occur on Thursday, February 5 with approximately 40 residents attending.

A Valentine's Day Breakfast hosted by the Senior Services Department will take place on February 12.

Residents will be traveling to the Annual Flower and Garden Show on Thursday, February 19 at the Convention Center in Hartford.

A UCONN Women's Basketball Trip to People's Bank Arena will occur on Thursday, February 26. Tickets were purchased in Section 109. Limited tickets are available.

A St. Patrick's Day Celebration Breakfast hosted in partnership with Touchpoints at Bloomfield will occur on March 12.

Public Comments

Pat Miller, Leon Rivers, Bob Berman and Marie MacDonald spoke about the Board and Commission application that must be completed to be a member. Marie MacDonald stated that she received an email from the Town of Bloomfield looking for input on the vetting process for Commissions and Boards. Marie read the email to the group and some members stated they did not receive the specific email. Lori stated that she would email the link to sign up for Town notifications and emails.

All Commission on Aging board members have stated they would like to be added to the Senior Services Newsletter distribution list so they can stay up to date with upcoming events.

Yvette spoke about the transportation services that Encompass provides. There is more information provided within the Senior Services newsletter.

Rosemary Gunning made a motion to accept the January 4, 2026 minutes; Leon Rivers seconded. The minutes were approved.

Patricia Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Marie Macdonald seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 pm.

The next meeting will take place at 12:30 pm on March 4, 2026, at Interfaith Village, 3-10 Bestor Lane.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Myers