

Town of Manchester
Commission for Elderly Services and People with Disabilities
2014 Annual Report

The Commission met five times during 2014:

January 16, 2014

March 20, 2014

May 15, 2014

September 18, 2014

November 20, 2014

Below are some highlights of the Commission's meetings and activities in 2014:

- The Commission reviewed the State of CT Department of Social Services Medicaid Rebalancing Plan projections and discussed the potential impact on the quality of life of Manchester's senior and disabled residents. The Commission also examined how the Medicaid Rebalancing project might impact the level of social services required in Manchester to meet the needs of elderly and disabled residents.
- The Commission reviewed and discussed trends in community support services for people with behavioral health challenges as reported by Manchester Senior, Adult & Family Services.
- The Commission was briefed about current trends and dynamics surrounding suicide among the elderly.
- The Commission was briefed about the issue of hoarding and its impact on Manchester's First Responders, Health Department, Building Department and Human Services Department.
- The Commission received regular briefings from Eileen Faust concerning the Manchester Recreation Department's Five-Year Plan. The Commission expressed a desire to offer feedback to ensure that the Plan is inclusive of elderly and disabled residents.
- The Commission met with four town residents and directly addressed their concerns.

The Commission for Elderly Services & People with Disabilities intends to fulfill its expanded mission in 2015 under the name Commission on Human Relations, Elderly Services & People with Disabilities.

Respectfully Submitted:

Peter Mason, Chair

Manchester Commission for Elderly Services and People with Disabilities

December 31, 2014