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Stamford Social Services Commission
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**Wednesday, September 13, 2023 Via Zoom
Draft Minutes**

Attendees:

Commissioners:
Caroline Temlock Teichman
Ellen Petersen
Renai Strother
Linda Gornitsky

City of Stamford
Sharona Cowan, Social Services Director

Members of the Public
None

Call to Order

Chairperson Caroline Temlock Teichman called the meeting to order at 5:13 P.M.

Minutes

There were no minutes to present for approval. August minutes will be approved at next meeting.

Report from the Social Services Director

A non-compliance issue on the Decision of one of the Housing Cases will be addressed. A new case will be heard, from the same litigants, regarding a specific complaint that wasn't heard during the prior hearing.

There are currently nine cases that are in mediation. There are five new cases, and one waiting to be Heard.

The Social Services Department has temporarily suspended its move.

Open enrollment for Medicare and Husky are now ongoing,

Code enforcement for displaced people in Stamford will increase during the winter months.

Old Business

Preliminary Research on Human Rights function of Commission

Commissioner Petersen provided updates on her research into CT's "towns" Human Rights Commissions.

The Social Services Director has compiled a Human Rights Commission Pocket Guide.

The Commission is requesting Counsel's inclusion in compiling the Commission's Human Rights duties and responsibilities.

It's been requested that the Commissioners submit questions to Sharona Cowan for Counsel regarding our charges to the Social Services Director.

New Business

None

The Next Commission meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2023, at 5:00 P.M.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Gornitsky and seconded by Commissioner Strother. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 P.M.