



# Health and Human Services

## Regular Meeting

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Monday, April 2, 2018

5:30 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

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### I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on April 2, 2018 at City Hall -- Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kateri B. Walsh	Chairperson	Absent	
Kenneth E. Shea	Ward 6 Councilor	Absent	
Jesse Lederman	Chairperson	Present	
Marcus J Williams	Ward 5 Councilor	Excused	
Adam Gomez	Chairperson	Excused	

### II. Public Portion

#### 1. Discussion of proposed cuts in Public Transportation as they relate to Seniors in the City of Springfield.

This meeting was attended by PVTA Director, Sandra Sheehan, Director of Elder Affairs, Sandy Federico, Health & Human Services Commissioner, Helen Caulton-Harris and 4 members of the Senior Action Commission.

Councilor Lederman stated that he filed a Resolution urging the State Legislature to provide more funding for the PVTA, this will go before the full City Council on April 9th.

Sheehan stated that the service changes affecting seniors and ADA are the same changes that will effect everyone. PVTA will not know the exact funding from the State until mid July and the budget needs to be balanced before that. There will be reduced service hours after 6pm week days and Saturday hours will be reduced as well as a fare increase. PVTA is trying to be creative as possible in order to provide the best service to the community. The fare increase will remain intact even if the funding is restored but services will increase should more State funding be made available.