



Dear Manchester Community Services Council Member,

I hope you are enjoying your summer with all of the many culturally enriching activities Manchester has to offer!

Your MCSC Board of Directors has been busy planning a fantastic line up of topics for our 2025/2026 meeting season. Our welcome back meeting in September will be facilitated by Stacey Zackin, Workspace Manager and Dwayne Harris, Executive Director of Little Theatre of Manchester. We will explore “where our agencies meet at the crossroads—finding overlap in our missions, alignment in our services, and more opportunities for our paths to cross in service of our community.”

This promises to be a highly interactive, high-energy meeting you won’t want to miss!

Our meeting schedule is included in the newsletter and on our website. Future topics will feature our Legislative Breakfast, Veterans support services and events, the impact on cuts to Medicare/Medicaid, Neurodiversity in our community, and an evolving range of topics.

Your membership dues fund the scholarships we award annually. This year we were able to award **three** Ed and Eleanor Coltman Scholarships for students at CT State Manchester, and as you may know, we are the fiduciary for the Dottie Cannon scholarship. This year, with a generous donation from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, we were able to award **three** Dottie Cannon scholarships as well!

The Manchester Community Services Council is dedicated to supporting community alliances that remove barriers to human services as a critical component for enhancing the quality of life for all Manchester residents – we hope you will continue to be a part of this caring community and encourage others to join!

In service to you,

Kimberly A. Forbes

MCSC President