

# Minutes: CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON AGING

Friday, January 9, 2009

State Capitol  
Hartford, CT

**In Attendance: Voting Members:** Don Dimenstein, Bill Eddy, Sharon Gesek, Ray Guenter, Nancy Sullivan Hodkoski, Judy Jencks, Jerry Kerins, Waldo Klein, Chris Lewis, Dick Memmott, Jim Pellegrino, Carolyn Thornberry, Penny Young, Gerd Weindling. **Ex Officios:** Debra Landry, Siobhan Morgan, Kathy Walsh, Barbara Yard, Roxanne Aaron-Selph (for Pam Giannini) **Staff:** Julie Evans Starr, Deb Migneault, Rob Norton, Deb Polun.

**Absent: Voting Members:** Mary Ellen Klinck, Pat Mayfield, Carol Tillman Parrish (sp?). **Ex Officios:** Susan Deschamplain, Barbara Yard.

## I. Call the Meeting to Order

*Chair, Chris Lewis, called the meeting to order at 1:05*

## II. Presentation of the CoA 2008 Agewise Advocate Awards

**Honored today: Acting Commissioner Kevin Delgobbo and Stan Kosloski**

## III. Approval of September 2008 Minutes

*Nancy Hodkoski made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Gerd Weindling. Motion carried*

## IV. Subcommittee Reports

**Legislative Subcommittee:** Chris Lewis reported that the legislative subcommittee has met several times over the past few months to develop the CoA's legislative priorities. *Judy Jencks motioned to approve the 2008 Legislative Priorities. It was seconded by Ray Guenter.* Discussion about the priorities included comments by Judy Jencks, Gerd Weindling, Chris Lewis, Don Dimenstein, Dick Memmott, Nancy Hodkoski, Julie Evans Starr and Deb Polun. *Motion carried.* The document will be reviewed and updated as we move through the session.

**Redefining Retirement Years:** Waldo briefly reviewed the activities of the RRY subcommittee over the past year. With guidance from Ray Guenter, Tiffany Hubbard a UConn law student has done follow-up work on workplace flexibility. The RRY subcommittee will be meeting immediately following today's meeting to discuss the report next steps.

## V. Overview of Report entitled: "Redefining Retirement Years: Workplace Flexibility Practices and State Law" by Tiffany Hubbard

Tiffany Hubbard presented her findings from her research on workplace flexibility.

## VI. Executive Director's Report and Legislative Update

Julie Evans Starr briefly reviewed the Executive's Directors report that was included with the board meeting materials. Highlights of the report include:

- CoA website: continues to be updated daily by Deb Migneault.
- Result's Based Accountability: CoA staff working with consultants on RBA as part of the appropriations committee efforts to pilot RBA with the five legislative commissions, among other state departments.

- Annual Report: Rob continues to work on the 2008 Annual Report, a graphic designer and the printer have been hired.
- Earth's Elders: Rob Norton continues to do outreach and presentations to school systems across the state encouraging adoption of the EE curriculum. Most recently he has been working with the State Department of Education and discussing possible statewide adoption of the Earth's Elders curriculum in the after-school programs.
- Property Tax Relief Forum: Deb Polun reported on the November 20<sup>th</sup> forum. Representatives from over 70 municipalities attended the event and over 125 people total.
- Elder Economic Security Initiative: Deb P. gave an update on the progress of this initiative; recommendations will be coming out in the next couple of months.

Legislative Update: Deb Polun gave a brief update about new leadership, new committee assignments, budget talks, etc. There was a lengthy discussion among members/staff about the recent attention to the five legislative commissions.

## **VII. Adjourn**

*Bill Eddy moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ray Guenter. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.*