

Minutes: CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON AGING

Friday, October 16, 2009

Greenridge Place

Rocky Hill, CT

In Attendance: Bill Eddy, Sharon Gesek, Jeanne Franklin, Nancy Sullivan Hodkoski, Chris Lewis, Dick Memmott, Jim Pellegrino, Susan Tomanio, Carolyn Thornberry, Penny Young.

Staff: Julie Evans Starr, Rob Norton, Deb Migneault, Deb Polun.

Absent: Ray Guenter, Judy Jencks, Gerard Kerins, Waldo Klein, Mary Ellen Klinck, Sherry Ostrout

I. Call the Meeting to Order,

Chair, Chris Lewis, called the meeting to order at 10:35.

II. Approval of June, 2009 Minutes

Jim Pellegrino made a motion to approve the September 2009 minutes. It was seconded by Sharon Gesek. Motion carried.

III. Executive Director's Report

Julie Evans Starr reviewed the Executive Director's report that was included with the board meeting materials. The following are highlights of the discussion:

- Julie recapped the implementer bills that passed earlier in the month. Julie ES and Deb Polun reviewed highlights of the budget and its affect on programs and services for older adults and persons with disabilities.
- There was a discussion about the CHCPE and how the changes to the CHCPE will affect older adults and the CHCPE access agencies.
- Julie talked about the work CoA has been doing to maximize federal funds. (MFP protocol change that will bring in up to \$11 million in new federal funds and the legislative fix will allow for more federal funds to come into the state through the Assisted Living Conversion Program)
- Julie, Deb M, and Rob described some of the work being done to raise and secure funds for the CoA.
- Julie described the changes to the CoA statute that were made in the implementer bill. Chair Lewis stated that a by-laws subcommittee will have to be elected to work on changing the by-laws to be consistent with the new statute.

IV. Subcommittee Reports

Chair Lewis reported that the executive committee met prior to full board meeting to discuss the changes to the CoA statute.

V. Old and New Business

There was brief discussion about having "paperless meetings" moving forward. As usual, meeting materials will be emailed prior the meeting. These materials will no longer be handed out at the meeting unless the documents are lengthy.

Jim Pellegrino asked that we discuss prioritization of CoA activities at the next meeting.

VI. Adjourn

There was a motion by Dick Memmott to adjourn the meeting at 12:05. It was seconded by Jim Pellegrino. Motion carried.