

Minutes: CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON AGING

Friday, February 6, 2009

Atria Greenridge Place
Rocky Hill, CT

In Attendance: Voting Members: Bill Eddy, Sharon Gesek, Ray Guenter, Nancy Sullivan Hodkoski, Judy Jencks, Jerry Kerins, Waldo Klein, Mary Ellen Klinck, Chris Lewis, Pat Mayfield, Dick Memmott, Carol Tillman Parrish, Jim Pellegrino, Penny Young, Gerd Weindling. **Ex Officios:** Susan Deschamplain, Pam Giannini, Jennifer Glick, Dennis King, Debra Landry, Siobhan Morgan, Kathy Walsh **Staff:** Julie Evans Starr, Rob Norton, Deb Polun.

Absent: Voting Members: Don Dimenstein, Carolyn Thornberry **Ex Officios:** Barbara Yard.

I. Call the Meeting to Order

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

II. Approval of January 6, 2009 Minutes

Bill Eddy made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Dick Memmott. Attendee list was modified. Motion carried.

III. 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 and talk about the session and strategy as we move through the session.

Redefining Retirement Years: Waldo reviewed the workforce flexibility fact sheet. Ray Guenter updated the members on the legislative language that was submitted to the GAE committee regarding workforce flexibility options. Waldo continues to work with UConn on Center on Continuing Education on RRY.

IV. Legislative Update

Deb Polun gave an update the Governor's budget proposal. Each of the ex officio designees gave a brief report on their respective agency budgets. CoA will be commenting upon the Governor's proposed budget for the Unit on Aging (as is our statutory mandate).

V. Executive Director's Report

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

- **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.
- **Elder Economic Security Initiative:** Deb P. gave an update on the progress of this initiative; recommendations will be coming out in early March.
- **Approximately 120,000 Long-Term Care website payroll inserts** went out in state employee and retiree paystubs on January 29th.

- The Commission will have a display in the concourse February 16-27. The display will highlight the Commission's work and include 25 of the Earth's Elders images.

There was extensive discussion among members/staff about the Governor's proposal and its effect on the Commission on Aging. It was determined that further discussion and an action plan with a unified message is necessary. The members were then invited to attend a meeting scheduled by the CoA Legislative Subcommittee on February 25th at noon.

VII. Adjourn

Dick Memmot moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Nancy Hodkoski. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

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