

# Minutes: CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON AGING

Friday, June 12, 2009

State Capitol  
Hartford, CT

**In Attendance: Voting Members:** Don Dimenstien, Bill Eddy, Sharon Gesek, Ray Guenter, Nancy Sullivan Hodkoski, Judy Jencks, Chris Lewis, Dick Memmott, Carol Tillman Parrish, Jim Pellegrino, Penny Young, Gerd Weindling. **Ex Officios:** Susan Deschamplain, Pam Giannini, Debra Landry, Kathy Walsh, Barbara Yard. **Staff:** Julie Evans Starr, Rob Norton, Deb Polun.

**Absent: Voting Members:** Jerry Kerins, Waldo Klein, Mary Ellen Klinck, Pat Mayfield, Carolyn Thornberry **Ex Officios:** Jennifer Glick, Dennis King, Siobhan Morgan

## I. Call the Meeting to Order

*Chair, Chris Lewis, called the meeting to order at 10:40.*

## II. Approval of April, 2009 Minutes

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

## III. Subcommittee Reports

**Legislative Subcommittee:** Chair Lewis reported that the legislative subcommittee has met several times in the last few months and will continue to meet over the summer.

**Redefining Retirement Years:** Deb Polun reported that the workplace flexibility bill (SB 1144) died in committee. Deb reported on the reasons why this happened and discussed plans for next year.

**Nominating Committee:** Penny Young, on behalf of the nominating committee (comprised of members Ray Guenter, Nancy S. Hodkoski, Patricia Mayfield and Penny Young), presented a proposed slate of officers. *Ray Guenter made a motion to accept the proposed slate of officers. It was seconded by Gerd Weindling. Motion carried.* The proposed slate is as follows: Christine Lewis - Chair, Bill Eddy – Vice Chair, Mary Ellen Klinck- Secretary, Richard Memmott -Treasurer, and Sharon Gesek- At Large.

## IV. Legislative Update

Deb Polun gave an update on legislative session. In brief, Deb reported on the status of the budget, the special session and how the budget has affected many of the bills that we are tracking.

## V. Executive Director's Report

Julie Evans Starr briefly reviewed the Executive Director's report that was included with the board meeting materials. Julie discussed the status of the state agencies that are losing hundreds of their employees due to the early retirement incentive and how these retirements will affect service delivery. Each of the ex officio members commented on the loss in their respective agencies. There was a discussion about the status of the Commission and next steps. Bill Eddy stated that the CoA is a strategic investment for our state.

**VI. Old and New Business**

Chair Lewis asked if there would be objections to moving our standard meeting date from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday starting in September. Seeing no objections, a meeting schedule for September 2009 through June 2010 will be drafted and distributed.

Julie and Rob reported that given budget considerations, in regards to the annual report, we cancelled the CoA contracts with the graphic designer and the professional printer and proceeded with distribution via electronic means. Printed (in-house) copies are available upon request.

**VII. Honoring outgoing CoA members**

Commission members Don Dimenstein, Gerd Weindling, Carol Tillman Parrish and Susan Deschamplain were all honored.

**VIII. Adjourn**

*Jim Pellegrino moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Gerd Weindling. Motion carried.* The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm.