

Minutes: CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON AGING

Friday, September 18, 2009

Greenridge Place
Rocky Hill, CT

In Attendance: Voting Members: Bill Eddy, Sharon Gesek, Ray Guenter, Jeanne Franklin, Nancy Sullivan Hodkoski, Judy Jencks, Gerard Kerins, Waldo Klein, Mary Ellen Klink, Chris Lewis, Dick Memmott, Sherry Ostrout, Jim Pellegrino, Susan Tomanio, Penny Young. **Ex Officios:** Susan Deschamplain, Jennifer Glick, Siobhan Morgan **Staff:** Julie Evans Starr, Rob Norton, Deb Migneault, Deb Polun.

Absent: Voting Members: Carolyn Thornberry, Carol Tillman Parrish **Ex Officios:** Pam Giannini, Dennis King, Debra Landry, Kathy Walsh, Barbara Yard

I. Call the Meeting to Order, Introductions of New Members

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

Introductions of members, including three new members: Jeanne Franklin, Sherry Ostrout, and Susan Tomanio.

II. Approval of June, 2009 Minutes

Judy Jencks made a motion to approve the June 2009 minutes. It was seconded by Penny Young. Motion carried.

III. 2009-2010 CoA Board Meeting Schedule

Jim Pellegrino made a motion to approve the proposed 2009-2010 board meeting schedule. It was seconded by Dick Memmott. Motion carried.

IV. Vote on Proposed Slate of Officers

On behalf of the nominating committee, Penny Young presented the proposed slate of officers and moved adoption. It was seconded by Jim Pellegrino. Motion carried.

The 2009-2010 CoA Executive Committee is as follows:

Chair - Christine Lewis

Vice-Chair - Bill Eddy

Treasurer - Richard Memmott

Secretary - Mary Ellen Klinck

Member-at-Large: Sharon Gesek

V. Executive Director's Report

Julie Evans Starr reviewed the Executive Director's report that was included with the board meeting materials. Julie recapped the CoA work over the summer months regarding the proposals to eliminate, consolidate and cut the CoA. Bill Eddy talked about the successful card campaign that was organized and funded by the CoA legislative subcommittee. Julie talked about the outpouring of support from members, partners and colleagues. Julie also briefly talked about an issue with MFP that, due to the oversight and perseverance of the CoA, will now be fixed and will bring in up to \$11 million in new federal funds. CoA is also working

on a legislative fix for the implementer bill that will allow for more federal funds to come into the state through the Assisted Living Conversion Program.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

Legislative Subcommittee, Executive Committee: Chair Lewis reported that the legislative subcommittee and the executive committee met several times over the summer to discuss the state budget and the status of the CoA. The legislative subcommittee actively worked on (and funded) the CoA card campaign.

VII. Honoring outgoing CoA member, Waldo Klein

Commission member Waldo Klein was honored for his 8 years of board membership.

VIII. Executive Session

Chair Lewis called for an executive session at 11:45 am to discuss an alternate budget for the FY 2010. The CoA came out of executive session at 12:15pm.

Dick Memmott made a motion to move the money in the board member reimbursement line item into another more imperative line item. It was seconded by Bill Eddy. Motion carried.

Waldo Klein made a motion to approve the alternative budget proposal for FY 2010. It was seconded by Mary Ellen Klinck. Motion carried with two members abstaining.

IX. Adjourn

There was a motion by Sharon Gesek to adjourn the meeting at 12:40. It was seconded by Ray Guenter. Motion carried.