

# State of Connecticut

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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Homemaker Companion Task Force

12/2 Meeting Minutes – 12:00 p.m. on Zoom and YouTube

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by co-chair Anne Foley.

The following members were present:

Mark McGoldrick, Anne Foley, Michael Savoie, Sheldon Toubman, Christy Kovel, Maria Cerino, Tracy Wodatch, Chris Wanner, Leslie O'Brien, Mairead Painter, Anna Doroghazi

The following members were not present:

Lewis Bower

Co-chair Foley welcomed the members, introduced the draft potential recommendations, and walked the membership through the six major topics of the draft. The major areas include qualification and registration criteria, complaint resolution, training and recruitment, public awareness and education, advertising, and national best practices.

Members then discussed the first sub-topic, enhancing stringency in registration, and removed the recommendation to cap the number of HCAs statewide. Members also edited the recommendations to provide compliance checks and require signed affidavits regarding the completion of background checks.

Members discussed the second sub-topic, clarifying permitted services of HCAs, and the role of PCAs. Members also discussed possibly renaming Homemaker Companion Agencies to "Non-Medical Home Care Agencies" or "Non-Medical Home Service Agencies". Members discussed the third sub-topic, enhanced monitoring of caregivers by HCAs, and added a bullet point to ensure that service agreements include a person-centered plan of care.

Members discussed the fourth sub-topic, enhancing state oversight, and supported fully funding the community ombudsman program in within the Department of Aging and Disability Services. Members also talked about the fourth and fifth sub-topics, and restated the importance of a model service agreement for HCAs, and employee observations being recorded.

Co-chair Foley announced the date of the next meeting as December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom and YouTube Live.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.