

**CONNECTICUT CONTINUING CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Masonicare at Ashlar Village, Wallingford, Connecticut**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**June 28, 2019**

**Attendance**

The following members were present: Mag Morelli, Maureen Weaver, Rich Wysocki, John Johl, Jennifer Rannistad, and Jon Paul Venoit

Several members of the public were also in attendance

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Morelli at 10:00 a.m.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the March 29, 2019 meeting were approved.

**Department of Social Services Comments**

Mr. Wysocki announced that Governor Lamont has appointed Dr. Deidre Gifford as the new Commissioner of the Department of Social Services. He distributed the official announcement from the Office of the Governor. The Committee agreed to invite the new Commissioner to one of the next two meetings and will offer to provide her with a tour of the CCRC where the meeting will be held. It was also decided that if the Commissioner accepts the invitation, then an invite to the meeting will be sent to the ConnCCRA Executive Committee and the CCRC directors. Ms. Morelli was tasked with sending the invitations.

Mr. Wysocki also announced that Chris Lavigne, Director of the Rate Setting and Certificate of Need Division of DSS, was leaving to take a position at another state agency.

While it was decided that a complete legislative update would be provided at the next meeting, there was a discussion of the impact of the new minimum wage law that was passed this session. Concerns were raised regarding the impact on the recruitment and retention of an aging services workforce.

## **New ConnCCRA Consumer Guide**

John Johl reviewed the newly revised CCRC consumer guide produced and published by the Connecticut Continuing Care Resident Association (ConnCCRA) entitled *Is a Connecticut Continuing Care Retirement Community Right for You?* ConnCCRA has a plan to disseminate the document so that it is widely available to consumers. Their goal is to inform consumers and increase awareness of the CCRC model.

## **Around the Table Updates**

George Thomas of Blum Shapiro was attending the meeting in the absence of Jonathan Fink and he reported that there are some new accounting rules within the non-profit standards and the revenue recognition standards which will be reflected in the annual financial statements of the CCRCs. The changes are not significant to the CCRCs, but he wanted the committee to be aware of the fact that the annual financial statements will look different.

## **New Business**

Mr. Wysocki asked if there were any vacancies on the committee. Ms. Morelli reported that there was one vacancy due to the resignation of Margie Sullivan last year. Ms. Sullivan was a health care representative and it was agreed that it would be ideal if her replacement was also a health care representative. Mr. Wysocki suggested that the committee nominate a replacement and submit the name to the Commissioner. Ms. Morelli was tasked with facilitating the nominating process and Ms. Rannistad, Mr. Venoit and Ms. Weaver volunteered to assist in the effort. It was recommended that the nominee represent a CCRC that is not currently represented on the committee membership and that they hold a position that oversees multiple levels of health care within a CCRC.

Mr. Johl asked that an updated committee member contact list be distributed.

## **Comments from the Public**

There was a discussion of the future of the CCRC model, the perceived increase in competition from rental model assisted living communities and

the fact that there is no standard method of reporting CCRC occupancy and census.

Ms. Morelli stated that she would send out information on a recent study that challenges previous findings on attitudes toward quality of life and aging; including opinions on where older adults may choose to receive services. The following is the link to that information: [LeadingAge / NORC Survey Sheds New Light on How Boomers Hope to Age](#).

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date will be September 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and will be held at either Masonicare at Ashlar Village in Wallingford or Essex Meadows.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.