

CONNECTICUT CONTINUING CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Masonicare at Ashlar Village, Wallingford, Connecticut
Minutes of the Meeting
March 24, 2017

Attendance

The following members were present: Mag Morelli, Maureen Weaver, Jennifer Rannestad, William Thompson, Keith Robertson, Jon Paul Venoit, Rich Wysocki, Jonathan Fink, and Kate Waterman (for Dick Clarke).

The meeting was open to the public and several life plan community/CCRC residents were in attendance including residents from Ashlar Village, Elim Park, StoneRidge, and Edgehill.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 18, 2016 meeting were approved.

Department of Social Services Comments

Mr. Wysocki discussed Senate Bill 795 which has been proposed by the Governor to amend the Certificate of Need (CON) Process in the state. A portion of the bill addresses the Department of Social Services CON statutes which oversee the development of skilled nursing facilities and the Department is asking that CCRCs be exempt from the CON process when developing non-Medicaid certified skilled nursing home beds.

Mr. Wysocki also mentioned that one small continuing care retirement community is working with the Department to end their status as a continuing care retirement community. This is the first such instance in the state and it will be worked out as a contractual issue with the current residents. Mr. Robertson commented that addressing this as a contractual issue has been the standard practice in other states.

Consumer Resources

There was continued discussion regarding how to provide consumer resources to prospective life plan community residents. ConnCCRA presented a list of questions that they thought would be helpful to provide

to prospective residents in a checklist format. Ms. Morelli agreed to review the list with legal counsel and present a draft back to the committee.

A question was raised as to whether a similar one page listing of resources could be developed and made available to attorneys and financial advisors. Ms. Morelli will report back on this question.

Advisory Committee Membership

At the last meeting the Committee was informed of the resignation of appointed committee member Billie Alban and it was agreed that they would like to see a resident appointed to fill the vacancy. The Committee asked ConnCCRA to consider sending to the Commissioner for his consideration the names of one or more residents who would be interested in serving on the Committee. Ms. Morelli was asked to notify all of the state's CCRCs to inquire about the same.

At this meeting ConnCCRA submitted the name of Fred Langhoff of Elim Park as their recommendation for appointment to the Committee. Ms. Morelli will submit Mr. Langhoff's name and the additional supporting documentation provided by ConnCCRA to the Commissioner for his consideration.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is scheduled to be June 16, 2017. The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Masonicare at Ashlar Village in Wallingford.

Public Comments

The members of the public had engaged in the previous discussion regarding consumer resources.

Adjournment

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