

CONNECTICUT CONTINUING CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Masonicare at Ashlar Village, Wallingford, Connecticut
Draft Minutes of the Meeting
November 22, 2019

Attendance

The following members were present: Mag Morelli, Maureen Weaver, Rich Wysocki, John Johl, Jennifer Rannistad, Jonathan Fink, Fred Langhoff, William Thompson 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 September 27, 2019 meeting were approved.

Department of Social Services Comments

Mr. Wysocki reported that the annual state filing fee letters will be sent to the registered continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs). The filing fee remains \$24 per contracted independent unit.

Mr. Wysocki then informed the committee that the Department of Social Services was recently contacted by the state of California which is conducting a survey on how different states oversee continue care retirement communities.

Around the Table Updates

An issue involving state regulatory oversight of assisted living service agencies (ALSA) was brought to the attention of the committee. The state's oversight of dementia services provided by an ALSA appears to be becoming more restrictive and there is concern that the definition of chronic and stable may be interpreted in a manner that will restrict the ability for those living with dementia, a progressive disease, to continue to receive ALSA services.

CMS's new red hand icon that is now being used on the Nursing Home Compare website to designate nursing homes that have received a certain

level of deficiency was raised and discussed. The nursing home providers voiced their concern with the new practice.

The state's newly released study on the future demand for nursing home beds was discussed. Ms. Morelli was asked to send members the link to the study. This led to a discussion of the other health care initiatives being discussed at the state level.

A question was raised as to whether CCRC residents with Medicare Advantage coverage could receive their post-acute care services at their campus health care center. The answer was yes, there is federal "return to home" legislation that provides CCRC residents with that right and Ms. Morelli offered to send more information to the members of the committee.

The details of various resident funded employee scholarship programs that have been established were discussed.

It was suggested that the CCRC executives be provided periodic notice of these committee meetings as they may find them interesting and useful.

Comments from the Public

It was reported that the Connecticut Continuing Care Resident Association's (ConnCCRA) Consumer Guidebook was being updated with some minor edits and would be sent out to the committee. The guidebook has been distributed to the libraries throughout the state.

It was also reported that ConnCCRA was developing a website.

Meeting Dates for 2020

The following meeting dates for 2020 were established: March 20, June 19, September 25, November 20. The meetings will be held at Masonicare at Ashlar Village.

Adjournment

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