

CONNECTICUT CONTINUING CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Masonicare at Ashlar Village, Wallingford, Connecticut
Draft Minutes of the Meeting
September 27, 2019

Attendance

The following members were present: Mag Morelli, Maureen Weaver, Rich Wysocki, John Johl, Jennifer Rannistad, Andrew Nesi, 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 June 28, 2019 meeting were approved.

Department of Social Services Comments

Mr. Wysocki reported that the Department is developing a procedure for submitting committee agendas and minutes to the Office of the Secretary of the State. Ms. Morelli will forward to Mr. Wysocki the e-mail address at the Secretary of the State's office where previous agendas were sent.

Mr. Wysocki then informed the committee that a new life plan community had registered with the Department. The new community was identified as Waveny in New Canaan and is an existing provider of nursing home, adult day, housing and assisted living services. They are currently in presales for new life plan community units.

He also reported that the Department is dealing with a resident complaint that appears to be a resolvable communication issue. This is the first resident complaint received by DSS in many years.

Ms. Morelli reported that an invitation was sent to Commissioner Gifford and that she has indicated she would like to attend a future meeting of the Committee. The Committee will arrange to meet closer to Hartford for that meeting.

Mr. Wysocki requested that Ms. Morelli assemble a contact list of Life Plan Community administrators so that the Department can contact them by email.

Meeting dates for 2020 will be set at the November meeting.

Legislative Update

Ms. Morelli led a discussion of the relevant outcomes of the 2019 Legislative Session.

Around the Table Updates

A new Medicare nursing home payment system (PDPM) will be put into effect on October 1 and the outcome for life plan communities is yet to be determined.

A discussion was held regarding the number of skilled beds needed on a life plan community campus. The trend is to utilize assisted living and home care rather than skilled nursing beds.

The growing wellness trend amongst residents was discussed.

The availability of various solar power programs from the Green Bank was discussed. Two campuses reported energy savings through utilization of these programs.

ConnCCRA hosted State Representative Jonathan Steinberg at their last meeting where he presented on the death with dignity legislation that was debated in the legislature last session.

ConnCCRA will be launching a website.

It was reported that interest rates remain low and that the financing market is still vibrant.

Mr. Wysocki asked if the governing statutes were sufficiently flexible to accommodate a market downturn. Ms. Morelli offered to review the statutes and report back to the committee.

Comments from the Public

Occupancy reporting was discussed. For financing purposes, occupancy is determined by those who are paying a monthly service fee. For marketing purposes, it may be reported as occupied and reserved.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be November 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and will be held at Masonicare at Ashlar Village.

Adjournment

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