

## **Rhode Island**

### **Citizens' Commission for the Care and Safety of the Elderly**

#### **Minutes**

**April 20, 2006**

**Chairperson Anna Tucker called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at the Leon Mathieu Center. John Smollins, Esq. distributed a sign in sheet.**

**Attendance: Steve Dresner, Esq., Sgt. Dan Ormond, NKPD, John E. Quigley, Mary Francis Campbell, Lu Brennan, Norm Chapman, Kathleen McNamee, John F. Smollins, Jr., Esq. and Anna Tucker were resent for a quorum**

**Excused: Gloria Heisler, Gloria K. Williams, Cliff Largess, Alfred Cardente and Cindy Soccio, Esq.**

**Norman Chapman reflected on the passing of Anna Prior, the Vice Chair of the Commission, and her myriad contributions to the Commission and her advocacy for the elderly.**

**Norman Chapman mentioned Marie George as a replacement for Norma Garnett who had passed away. Steve Dresner seconded**

**Norman's motion and the group concurred.**

**Jack Quigley nominated Evelyn Kolkowski of Coventry for membership.**

**Steve Dresner, Esq., nominated Joyce Hall, a former supervisor of the DEA Protective Services Unit, for membership. Dan Ormond seconded Steve's nomination and the group concurred subject to a check with the Ethics Commission by Paula Parker of DEA.**

**Norman Chapman moved approval for the January 12, 2006 minutes. Lu Brennan and Jack Quigley seconded and the group concurred.**

**Norman Chapman praised DEA Director Corinne Calise Russo and her staff members, John F. Smollins, Jr., Esq. and Donna Slemon for their compilation, production and distribution of the 2005 Annual Commission Report. Norman Chapman indicated that he provided bound copies of the report to the Legislature and the Governor's office.**

**Norman Chapman discussed financial issues facing the Commission relevant to the annual training with both police and fire advocates.**

**Norman Chapman and Paula Parker reviewed the White House Conference on Aging Report. Steve Dresner observed that many substantial issues were left out of consideration.**

**Jack Quigley moved to accept the by-laws. Steve Dresner and Norman Chapman second the motion and the group concurs.**

**Lu Brennan praised the health care emergency card and indicated that Warwick has it. It was announced that Mary Ann Ciano is acting supervisor of the DEA Protective Services Unit.**

**The Chair Mrs. Tucker announced that she, Cathy McNamee, and Paula Parker would be on the planning committee for the 2006 Annual Training in September. The next meeting and elections for officers will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at DEA, 35 Howard Ave., Cranston.**

**Please RSVP by calling Anna Tucker at 783-2788 if you are unable to attend.**

**Directions to the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs are attached for your convenience.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**John Smollins, Jr., Esq.**

**DEA Legal Counsel**