

**RHODE ISLAND CITIZENS COMMISSION
FOR THE SAFETY AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY
MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2011**

Chairman Rick Susi called the Meeting to order at 10:15am at The Center, 25 Dominic Road, South Kingstown. Mr. Susi circulated an Attendance Sheet.

Attendance: Chairman Susi, Vice-Chairman Quigley, Secretary Ciano, Gloria Heisler, Tom Magill, Vincent Quintero, Martha Crippen, Terry Haydt

Excused: Roger Demers, Michael DiMascolo, Ann Assumpico, Janice Zeichner

Absent: Stephen Dresner, Melody Rodriques

Old Business:

- Chairman Susi made a Motion to accept the February 23, 2011 Minutes. The Minutes were unanimously accepted.
- Chairman Susi indicated that there is no new Legislation this Session that will impact the Commission.
- Chairman Susi has asked for Members to provide him with any recommendations for new members. Currently, there are eight public member vacancies.

New Business:

- Training:
 - Date:* Members selected Wednesday, October 26, 2011; alternate date, Wednesday, November 2, 2011
 - Location:* Since the Budget is tight, alternate Training sites will need to be considered. The Office of the State Fire Marshal on Cranston Street/Providence was discussed. However, the handicapped accessibility may not meet the needs due to the high volume of participants. Mr. Quigley recommended the Pilgrim Senior Center as a possible site. Secretary Ciano will make a contact with the Pilgrim Senior Center to determine if this is a feasible option.
 - Food:* Members today agreed that a Continental Breakfast would be more than adequate. The Continental Breakfast can be catered. Mr. Quintero was to provide a recommended caterer, who has done business with the State, to Secretary Ciano
 - Agenda Recommendations:*
 - Substance Abuse - Elder Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition
 - Elder Abuse Presentation – Roger Demers, Esq., Dept. of Attorney General
 - Injury Prevention Coalition – Department of Health
 - Commission Website Update – Terry Haydt
 - Medicaid Fraud and Patient Abuse – Dept. of Attorney General
 - Chairman Susi will forward an e-mail to Police & Fire Advocates to ask for their input on Agenda Topics for the Training

Mr. Quinterno recommended Citizen Response Teams as a possible training topic. He noted this these Teams could be comprised of older adults to work in concert with their local Police and Fire Advocates to educate the public—“seniors helping seniors”.

Mr. Quinterno inquired if a video of the 2011 Training could be made so that it could be broadcast on the DEA/Commission website. Terry Haydt said that she would research this further.

- DEA/Commission Website Update
Terry Haydt indicated that the Safety & Care Website will be a whole new look in concert with the new DEA Website. This new website has not yet been launched. The target date is September 2011. The DEA or any other State website cannot promote private companies on the website. Terry is looking for feedback on the need to change the Safety & Care Advocate forms.
- Tom Magill reported that he met with the Fire and Police Chiefs for the City of Pawtucket. He was advised that the Remembering When Program has not been in Pawtucket. Mr. Magill was provided with the updated designees for the Police and Fire Advocates for the City of Pawtucket, which he shared with Chief Susi on this date.
- Vin Quinterno provided information on a potential grant through the Affordable Care Act Prevention and Public Health Fund. This grant is being sponsored by the Dept. of Health. Five year grants will become available beginning September 15, 2011, in the amounts of \$500,000 to \$10 Million annually. The focus of the grants will be the well-being, social and emotional, of RI citizens. The grants are targeted at wellness. The State Fire Marshal has made application in order to expand the Remembering When Program.
- Commission Members would like to invite a representative(s) from the Elder Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition to the September 2011 Commission Meeting. The purpose is to learn more about the Coalition. Secretary Ciano will orchestrate this request.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:40am. The next Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 10:00am. The location will be the Pilgrim Senior Center, 27 Pilgrim Parkway, Warwick, #468-4090, www.warwickri.gov/seniors.htm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ciano
Secretary