

**RHODE ISLAND CITIZENS COMMISSION  
FOR THE SAFETY AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**

Chairman Rick Susi called the Meeting to order at 10:10am at The Pilgrim Senior Center, 27 Pilgrim Parkway, Warwick. Mr. Susi circulated an Attendance Sheet.

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

Guests: Sandra Marinucci and Janet Spinelli (Elder Mental Health & Addiction Coalition)

Excused: Roger Demers, Michael DiMascolo

Absent: Stephen Dresner, Gloria Heisler, Ann Assumpico, Janice Zeichner

**Old Business:**

- Chairman Susi made a Motion to accept the June 8, 2011 Minutes. The Minutes were unanimously approved and accepted.
- Terry Haydt previewed the new DEA Website, which includes the Commission and Advocates Sections. The new website will be launched soon, according to Ms. Haydt.
- Training:  
The Save-the Date Flyer was reviewed for changes. Chairman Susi will revise the Flyer and will review the final product with Secretary Ciano. The final Flyer will be e-mailed to the senior police and fire advocates by Chairman Susi. Secretary Ciano will e-mail the flyer to the Aging network. The Save-the-Date Flyer thus far generated approximately one dozen confirmed participants.

All Members agreed on the following **Agenda:**

Registration will begin at 7:30am

There will be an Information Table nearby the Registration Desk for handouts and pamphlets.

Breakfast buffet begins at 8:00am

Opening Remarks (5 minutes per person) by Dept. of Human Services Director Sandra Powell, DEA Director Catherine Taylor, and Chairman Susi will be from 8:30am-8:45am.

Presentations begin at 8:45a (15 minutes per speaker)

Terry Haydt: Safety & Care Website Update – 8:45am-9:00am

Sandra Marinucci and Janet Spinelli: Substance Abuse & First Responders – 9:00am – 9:15am

James Dube: Medicaid Fraud – 9:15- 9:30am

Rhonda Schwartz: Injury Prevention Coalition – 9:30am-9:45am

Break: 9:45am-10:00am

Panel Discussion on Duty to Report: 10:00am -11:15am

(each panelist will have 10 minutes to explain duty to report concerning their respective agencies; provide statistics and respond to a case scenario)

Roger Demers—Dept. of Attorney General/Elder Abuse Unit

Deputy Chief Michael Kinch—Cumberland Police Dept.

Lydia Giglietti—DEA Elder Protective Services

Kathy Heren—Alliance/Long-Term Care Ombudsman

To Be Announced – Dept. of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals – Quality Assurance Program

**New Business:**

- Janet Spinelli provided information on the Elder Mental Health & Addiction Coalition. The Coalition meets the first Tuesday of every month. The Coalition started many years ago with grant monies, which no longer exist. The purpose was to form partnerships between the local mental health agencies and the aging network. Meetings are conducted at the RI Council of Community Mental Health Centers with monthly speakers and information dissemination. A project is underway to have the Coalition be part of the national Elder Mental Health and Addiction website as a resource. The Coalition is pending a presentation on the co-ops program for seniors to receive services for volunteerism. Melody Rodrigues of DEA is involved in a similar program and offered to assist the Coalition on this matter. Janet Spinelli recommended that Sandra Marinucci participate as a member of the Commission representing the Coalition. Ms. Spinelli also recommended the Commission consider operating in an open

- Sandra Marinucci offered a future meeting location for the Commission—West Warwick Youth Center—Training Facility. The Center is handicapped accessible. Ms. Marinucci can be contacted on her cell at 639-2616 to reserve the Center. Chairman Susi indicated that this may be a good location for the February/March 2012 Commission Meeting.
- Ms. Marinucci recommended Marge Angilly of the Alzheimers’ Association as a possible Commission member.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:00n. The next Commission Meeting will be the Annual Training on October 26, 2011 at The Pilgrim Senior Center, 27 Pilgrim Parkway, Warwick.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ciano  
Secretary