

**RHODE ISLAND CITIZENS COMMISSION
FOR THE SAFETY AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY
MINUTES
JUNE 6, 2013**

Chairman Susi called the Meeting to order at 10:05am at the East Providence Senior Center, 610 Waterman Avenue, East Providence. Mr. Susi circulated an Attendance Sheet.

Attendance: Chairman Susi; Stephen Dresner, Treasurer; Mary A. Ciano, Secretary; Tom Magill; Terry Haydt; Rita Murphy; Robert Rock; Carolyn Pellegrino; Valerie Topp; Denise Owens; Martha Crippen; Trooper J. Elliott; Barbara Curran; Armine Donabedian

Excused: Roger Demers; Cpl. Ann Assumpico; Helen Deines; Lou Brennan; Vincent Quintero; Marjorie Perry

Absent: Jack Quigley; Gloria Heisler; Russ Enos; Joan Plante

*Chairman Susi asked each participant for an introduction so that all of today's attendees would have familiarity.

*Chairman Susi also had participants review the February 7th Meeting Minutes. The Minutes were approved by Rita Murphy and seconded by Robert Rock.

Old Business:

***Annual Training:**

Location:

Participants gave the following as possible sites for the 2013 Annual Training:

Wyndham—India Point—Providence

Radisson Airport – Warwick—option of continental breakfast

Bryant University – Smithfield

Amica – Lincoln

Fidelity – Smithfield

Secretary Ciano indicated that, if there is a fee for the use of the room, then the State Master Purchasing Agreement will need to be consulted to determine if the above are contracted state vendors. Secretary Ciano will need to obtain three prices before committing to a location site.

Potential Dates of the Training:
October 23rd, October 30th, November 6th

Title of the Training:
Information and Resource Conference

Topics:
Denise Owens provided information on a program specific to first responders (International Association of Chiefs of Police) in dealing with individuals who have a cognitive disorder. Ms. Owens will provide a link to Chairman Susi and Secretary Ciano. This program may be able to provide a keynote speaker for the Training.

*This year's training will be entitled "Information and Resource Conference". The focus will be on providing information and resources to first responders and the aging network in dealing with individuals with cognitive disorders. A keynote speaker will speak on the issue for one hour, and perhaps, three to four other related presenters (15 minutes each) can speak on the issue. Following are some related presenter recommendations:

*Federal Nursing Home reporting requirements. Martha Crippen recommended Jody Bourque, the Health Care Advocate, at the Dept. of Attorney General.

*State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease. Valerie Topp recommended DEA Director Taylor or Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts present on this Plan.

*Housing—Assisted Living residences in Housing. Rita Murphy recommended that RI Housing be contacted to determine who may be a good presenter on this topic. Perhaps RI Housing will have the name of the state housing director president.

*The Alzheimer's Association of RI was also recommended as a possible resource.

*Home Safety Checklist. Vincent Quintero of the State Fire Marshal's Office may be able to provide information on this.

***Commission Membership and Appointees:**

Chairman Susi noted that there is currently one public position open on the Commission for an individual 55 years and older.

Rita Murphy recommended a representative from Housing. Ms. Murphy will contact the Executive Director of the Pawtucket Housing Authority to determine an interest.

New Business:

Legislative Update:

*Martha Crippen noted that obtaining medical records for older adults' legislation appears to be presenting some problems. Ms. Crippen will keep members apprised.

*Martha Crippen also noted that the Dept. of Attorney General introduced legislation on mandatory background checks on all health care workers.

RIAFC Foundation Honor Flight:

Chief Susi noted that the most recent Honor Flight for World War II veterans occurred on March 23, 2013. Channel 10 provided programming on this Honor Flight on Memorial Day. Additional viewings of the Honor Flight can be seen on the Commission website.

The next Honor Flight is scheduled for September 28, 2013. Ocean State Job Lot has raised enough monies to assist in chartering a Southwest plane. The goal is have 62 World War II veterans participate, along with 62 guardians to provide assistance.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:10am. The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at the Leon Mathieu Senior Center, 420 Main Street, Pawtucket, Garden Room, First Floor, off of the parking lot. For directions to the Leon Mathieu Senior Center, you may contact 728-7582.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ciano, Secretary