

**RHODE ISLAND CITIZENS COMMISSION
FOR THE SAFETY AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY
MINUTES – JUNE 3, 2014**

Chairman Susi called the Meeting to order at 10:03am at the Division of Elderly Affairs, Director's Conference Room, 74 West Road, Cranston. Mr. Susi circulated an Attendance Sheet.

Attendance: Chairman Susi; Secretary Mary Ann Ciano, Chief Elwood Johnson, Vincent Quintero, Trooper Amanda Brezniak, Tom Magill, Terry Haydt, Robert Rock, Carolyn Pellegrino, Marjorie Perry, Valerie Topp, Denise Owens, Martha Crippen, Rita Murphy

Guest: DEA Director Catherine Taylor

Excused: Jack Quigley, Stephen Dresner, Roger Demers, Lou Brennan

Absent: Gloria Heisler

The Minutes from the February 6, 2014 Meeting were approved and accepted.

Old Business:

Legislative Update:

Chairman Susi provided an update on Senate Bill 2094, which would allow the release of protected health care information by health care professionals for victims of elder abuse. Chairman Susi reported that Sub A of the bill passed to facilitate the release of health care records to either DEA or the local Police. The bill will be heard on the House Floor on 6/4/14. DEA Director Taylor said that the DEA position will be to take out **or** piece of the reporting. Chairman Susi said that DEA and the Dept. of Attorney General (who introduced the bill) need to come to an agreement on the legislation. The Commission is unable to negotiate or solve, according to Chairman Susi.

2014 Senior Police & Fire Advocate Information & Resource Conference:

Dates: Potential dates as agreed by the membership: October 22nd, October 29th, or November 5th.

Location: Conference Center is still the recommended location

Vincent Quintero indicated that he has a contact at CVS/Woonsocket for use of the CVS Conference Center in Woonsocket. The CVS Conference Center can accommodate up to 150 people. Mr. Quintero will reach out to his contact at CVS. He will get back to Chairman Susi and Secretary Ciano with the outcome.

Denise Owens said that she can secure the Roger Williams University School of Law Conference Center. The Roger Williams location will be a back up, if the CVS facility is unavailable.

Subject: Financial Exploitation

Subject Speakers: Keynote: *Attorney General Peter Kilmartin-Martha Crippen will secure this speaker

State Police Financial Crimes Unit-*Trooper Brezniak will secure this speaker(s).

Attorney General Prosecutor -*Martha Crippen will secure this speaker.

Bank Examiner-*Martha Crippen will secure this speaker

Handouts-*Denise Owens will coordinate handouts on the issue of Safe Driving

****Members responsible for securing the speakers will need to confirm the speakers with Chairman Susi and to Secretary Ciano on/or before the first week in August 2014.**

New Business:

DEA Director Taylor led a discussion on the RI State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders. The Lt. Governor, as Chair of the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council, has overseen the Plan over the past year.

Director Taylor said that there are two sets of issues appropriate for the Commission: Safe Driving and Advocacy Issues on Protective Services.

Director Taylor focused on the recommendations on the issue of Safe Driving. The goal is to educate families about the resources available to assist them with concerns about safe driving. The recommendations include:

- *Develop a one-page handout describing an overview of the laws, processes, and partners available to assist families with driving concerns.

- *Engage Roger Williams University School of Law Elder Law Society to assist in development of one-page handout and implement educational presentation for use at senior centers and other potential partners.

- *Work with the RI DMV's Operator Control to clearly define license suspension and revocation steps for families on the Operator Control Website and ensure that these families are being provided with sufficient information concerning alternate modes of transportation.

- *Solicit white paper from Roger Williams University Elder Law Society containing a proposal for best practices in conducting a medical road test (as employed by the RI DMV), including: proper processes, dementia-sensitive training or education modules for Operator Control personnel, and any relevant definitions.

- *Chairman Susi indicated that the Commission will develop a sub-group within the Commission to address the issue.

- *Denise Owens will connect with the Roger Williams University Elder Law Society to collaborate and coordinate on the Safe Driving Handout. Director Taylor also suggested to Ms. Owens to work with Larry Grimaldi of DEA who has obtained preliminary information on the issue.

- *The goal is to compile resources on a single sheet in hopes of handing out at the 2014 Senior Police & Fire Advocate Information & Resource Conference.

- **Chairman Susi and the Commission Membership agreed to accept taking on the responsibility of ensuring the issue will be handled uniformly. Denise Owens will be the liaison with Roger Williams University Elder Law Society in the development of the Project.

Rita Murphy noted that Representative Cicilline will be hosting the third Annual Senior Resource Fair on Monday, 6/16/14, 5:00pm-7:00pm at the East Providence Senior Center.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50am. The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 10:00am-12:00n at the Division of Elderly Affairs, Director's Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ciano