

**RHODE ISLAND CITIZENS COMMISSION**  
**FOR THE SAFETY AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY**  
**MINUTES, OCTOBER 12, 2016**

Chairman Rick Susi called the Meeting to order at 10:00am at the RI Division of Elderly Affairs, Room 211, Louis Pasteur Building, 57 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI.

**This was not a formal Meeting. It was the final planning Meeting before the Annual Conference on November 9, 2016.**

Attendance: Chairman Susi, Secretary Ciano, Jeanne Gattegno, Marjorie Perry, Erin Casey, Terry Haydt, Robert Rock, Valerie Topp, William Corson, Carolyn Pellegrino, Vincent Quintero

**Conference Planning:**

Chairman Susi informed the members present today that the CVS contact e-mailed him today indicating that CVS will not be able to host the November 9<sup>th</sup> Conference due to an internal management Meeting. Members agreed that the Conference should not be cancelled and that an alternate location should be explored. As a result, Members present collectively collaborated on other Conference location options.

- \*Jeanne Gattegno placed a call into a contact for the Providence Convention Center
- \*Vincent Quintero placed a call into a contact at the New England Institute of Technology
- \*Secretary Ciano placed a call into the Eleanor Slater Hospital/Arnold Conference Center

There was also discussion on refreshments. Chief Susi e-mailed the CVS contact to determine if CVS would be willing to provide funding for the refreshments due to the sudden withdrawal of CVS as the host location. If CVS is unwilling to provide assistance with the refreshments, Chief Susi will consider the option of funding support from the Fire and Police Chiefs' Associations.

Secretary Ciano also provided a rough draft of the Conference Agenda. A keynote speaker, Steve Gumbley, MA, ACDP II, has been confirmed. Mr. Gumbley has extensive history in addiction and recovery.

**Other:**

Secretary Ciano circulated the Minutes from the September 7, 2016.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:15am. Chairman Susi, Secretary Ciano, Jeanne Gattegno, and Vincent Quintero remained in order to await any contacts on the locations. Secretary Ciano

did determine that the Arnold Conference Center was available for November 9<sup>th</sup>. However, the capacity appeared limited to approximately 100 attendees. Since no follow up location contacts were received prior to 11:30am, Chairman Susi adjourned the Meeting in totality. Chairman Susi will collaborate with Ms. Gattegno, Mr. Quinterno, and Secretary Ciano on a final location.

The next official Commission Event will be the Conference on November 9, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Ciano, Secretary