

RHODE ISLAND CITIZENS COMMISSION
FOR THE SAFETY AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY
MINUTES, FEBRUARY 8, 2017

Chairman Rick Susi called the Meeting to order at 10:07am at the RI Division of Elderly Affairs, Room 211, Louis Pasteur Building, 57 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI.

Attendance: Chairman Susi; Secretary Ciano; Mickaela Driscoll, Dept. of Attorney General; Vincent Quintero, RI State Fire Marshal's Office; Terry Haydt, Division of Elderly Affairs; Robert Rock, East Providence Senior Center; Marjorie Perry; and Jeanne Gattegno, St. Elizabeth Community/Safe Haven

Excused: Jack Quigley; Tom Magill; Valerie Topp; Denise Owens

Absent: Trooper William Corson; Rita Murphy; Carolyn Pellegrino

Old Business:

****Minutes:**

The Minutes from the October 12, 2016 Meeting were reviewed and approved.

****2016 Information & Resource Conference:**

*Secretary Ciano noted that 150 individuals registered for the Conference and 120 individuals attended.

*The Division of Elderly Affairs was able to pay for the refreshments served at the Conference.

*New England Institute of Technology did not request a fee for use of the Conference Auditorium.

New Business:

**Jeanne Gattegno informed Members that World Elder Abuse Awareness Day will be on June 15, 2017. St. Elizabeth Community is sponsoring the Event. There will be a half-day Training on Financial Exploitation. New England Institute of Technology will host the Event.

**Jeanne Gattegno also noted that Dr. Rachel Filinson of Rhode Island College will be sponsoring a half-day Training in April 2017 at Rhode Island College on Elder Behavioral Health. More information on this Event will follow.

**2017 Conference Planning

Possible Topics for this Year's Conference:

- *LGBT Population—Hate Crimes
- *Scams
- *Cultural Diversity
- *Domestic Violence

*Jeanne Gattegno recommended that the Commission survey the participants, who attended the 2016 Conference, to determine if any of the above topics are of interest or if any other topics can be recommended.

*Jeanne Gattegno will develop the survey.

*Chairman Susi indicated that perhaps he can forward the survey via a survey monkey.

*Potential 2017 Conference Dates:

*Friday, October 27, 2017 or Friday, November 3, 2017

or

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 or Wednesday, November 1, 2017

*Secretary Ciano will reach out to New England Tech to determine if any of these dates are available to host the 2017 Conference.

Vincent Quintero noted that the Commission had previously booked the CVS Headquarters for 10/27/17. However, prior to notifying CVS that the Commission may not need the CVS Headquarters, the Commission will need to have a confirmation date from New England Tech. Secretary Ciano will follow up on this.

*Vincent Quintero noted that a possible future Conference location site may be Collette Travel in Pawtucket.

*Chairman Susi noted that there is a new President of the RI Police Chief's Association, Dean Hoxie of the RI Park Police. Chairman Susi will reach out to Mr. Hoxie to discuss the appointment of a RI Police Chief's member to the Commission.

**Legislative Update:

*Secretary Ciano indicated that DEA has submitted legislation with revisions to the Division of Elderly Affairs Elder Protective Services Reporting statute. Chief Susi said that he can assist in monitoring the legislation.

*Website Update:

Terry Haydt informed the group that she will be updating the Commission website with copies of the 2016 Conference Speaker presentations.

*Honor Flight:

Chairman Susi indicated that there will be two upcoming Honor Flights—on April 1, 2017 and on June 3, 2017. The April 1st Honor Flight will mainly be for the World War II veterans. The June 3rd Honor Flight will focus mainly on Korean War Veterans. To date, there are 104 airline seats reserved for the June 3rd Flight.

*Jeanne Gattegno apprised the group that St. Elizabeth Community will be considering applying for a Federal Grant through the Department of Justice/Office of Violence Against Women. The grant is to be completed in October 2017 and will be awarded in the Spring 2018. The grant focuses on Domestic Violence and involves a Train-the-Trainer Model. Ms. Gattegno will be reaching out to various community providers and first responders to form partnerships. The grant is for three years in the total amount of \$400,000. Thirty grants will be awarded across the nation. Ms. Gattegno will be reaching out to various providers to establish the needed partnerships.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:00am. The next Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 10:00am-12:00n, Division of Elderly Affairs, 57 Howard Avenue, Cranston, Conference Room 211.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ciano, Secretary