

RHODE ISLAND CITIZENS COMMISSION
FOR THE SAFETY AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY
MINUTES, JUNE 7, 2017

Chairman Rick Susi called the Meeting to order at 10:09am at the RI Division of Elderly Affairs, Room 211, Louis Pasteur Building, 57 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI.

Attendance: Chairman Susi; Vice-Chair Quigley; Secretary Ciano; Mickaela Driscoll; Trooper Krystal Carvalho; Terry Haydt; Marjorie Perry; Valerie Topp; Denise Owens; Jeanne Gattegno

Excused: Vincent Quintero; Robert Rock; Carolyn Pellegrino

Absent: Tom Magill; Rita Murphy

Old Business:

****Minutes:**

The Minutes from the February 8, 2017 Meeting were reviewed and approved.

****Legislative Update:**

Secretary Ciano did not have an update on the proposed legislation regarding revisions to the DEA Elder Protective Services Reporting statute. Secretary Ciano will obtain an update.

(Secretary Ciano spoke with Meghan Connelly of DEA after the Meeting for an update. Ms. Connelly indicated that the Governor's Policy Office did not submit the legislation and will revisit for the next legislative session).

****Honor Flight:**

Chairman Susi indicated that two successful Honor Flights for both World War II Veterans and for Korean Veterans took place on April 1st and June 3rd. An upcoming Honor Flight is in process for the Fall 2017. Chairman Susi will keep Members apprised.

****World Elder Abuse Awareness Event:** Jeanne Gattegno confirmed that the Event will take place on Thursday, June 15, 2017, 8:30am-10:00am, at the Crowne Plaza. The second annual Report on Elder Abuse will be presented by DEA Director Charles Fogarty.

New Business:

Conference Planning:

****2017 Information & Resource Conference:**

The Conference will be held on **Friday, October 27, 2017, 7:30am-12:00noon**

The **location** has been confirmed. **New England Institute of Technology, East Greenwich, the Media Theatre Room.**

Chairman Susi provided results of the Survey Monkey, which was sent to last year's Conference participants for topic suggestions.

Forty (40) total respondents participated

The top two topics of interest for the Conference are:

Scams was the topic of most interest and

Domestic Violence was the topic of second most interest

Commission Members today collectively agreed that Scams will be the topic for the 2017 Conference. The focus of the Conference on Scams will be the day-to-day scams that impact the average consumer and not cyber-global scams.

Preliminary Conference Agenda/Presenters:

*DEA Director Fogarty will provide Welcome Remarks *(Mary Ann Ciano will coordinate)*

*Jeanne Gattegno will introduce the topic with a short Video on Scams

*Keynote: Attorney General Kilmartin and/or Martha Crippen, Dept. of Attorney General Consumer Protection Unit Director *(Mickaela Driscoll will coordinate)*

*RI State Police – Computer Crimes Unit – *(Trooper Carvalho will coordinate)* Trooper Carvalho *will also develop a Scams Fact Sheet.*

*Corporate Security from a local Bank *(Denise Owens will coordinate)*

*AARP/Types of Scams *(Mary Ann Ciano will coordinate)*

*Senior Medicare Patrol *(Mary Ann Ciano will coordinate)*

Commission Members coordinating the presenters were asked to confirm the presenters on/or before the end of August 2017 to Chairman Susi and to Secretary Ciano.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:10am. The next Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 10:00am-12:00noon, at the Division of Elderly Affairs, 57 Howard Avenue, Conference Room 211.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ciano, Secretary