

## **Rhode Island Governor's Commission on Aging Minutes of September 18, 2013 Meeting**

### **Members present:**

Rick Ryan, Sr. Marietta Walsh, Karen Enright, Libby Arron, Madeline Ernest, William Finelli, Bill Flynn, Jim Nyberg, Rev. Paul F. Bliss, Joan Crawley, Sue Adler, Susan Robbio.

### **DEA Staff**

Larry Grimaldi

### **Staff Liaison, Governor's Office**

Christina Batastini

### **Guest**

Maureen Kerrigan, CMS Regional Office

### **Call to Order**

Chairperson Rick Ryan called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

Bill Flynn made a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/15/2013 Meeting, seconded by Bill Finelli. Motion was approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

\$109.59. Approved.

### **Introductions of the Members**

Introductions were conducted including comments related to experiences that prompted interest in the elderly. The comments centered on the importance of the role of advocacy, education, physical and mental exercise, caregiving and experiences of appreciation.

### **Old Business**

- Joan Crawley reported on the meeting with George Zainyeh, Governor's Chief of Staff. A request was made to appoint a policy and research representative to this Commission. Christina Batastini will serve as the liaison from the Governor's Office.
- Maureen Kerrigan presented information regarding the Affordable Care Act as it relates to Medicare.
  - The goals include increased quality and lower cost with improved efficiencies.
  - Also discussed were the Asthma Innovation Collaborative, Integration of Care Initiatives, and Improved Transition from Acute Care to Home.
  - Bonus versus reduction in payments related to the degree of integration was also discussed including the introduction of an Advisory Board of experts to review the appropriateness of payment.
  - Other models which bring the consumers to the table to bring down costs were discussed including Patient Centered Home, Accountable Care Organizations.
  - Upcoming changes to the "Coverage Gap" in Medicare D were outlined.
  - Open enrollment and Market enrollment dates were also presented including the protection for duplicate coverage initiatives.

- Also included in the presentation was information regarding changes to income levels, cost sharing, preventive services, behavioral screening and counseling, and DME services as they relate to Medicare.
- Handout were distributed including “ Rhode Island Demonstration Programs”, “How the Health Care Law is Making a Difference for the People of Rhode Island”, “People with Medicare and The Health Insurance Marketplace – FAQ”, “5 Star Plan Ratings”.
- Questions regarding the “Observation Status” designation were not addressed at this time.

### **New Business**

Sr. Marietta Walsh presented information regarding

- Community Coalitions that are working to limit readmissions
- The Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) – new form just released. The MOLST form includes directions about life-sustaining measures in addition to CPR, such as intubation, antibiotic use, and feeding tubes. The MOLST form helps medical providers understand life sustaining wishes at a glance, but it is not a substitute for a properly prepared Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care.

Bill Flynn distributed information regarding the Senior Agenda Coalition of RI’s Sixth Annual Conference and Expo on Friday, October 18, 2013.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

**Submitted September 20, 2013**

D. Karen Enright  
Secretary