

**Rhode Island Governor's Commission on Aging
Minutes of February 19, 2014 Meeting**

Members present:

Sister Marietta Walsh, Karen Enright, Esther Price, Libby Arron, Joan Crawley, William Finelli, Bill Flynn, Brian Ott, MD, Sue Robbio

Members excused:

Rick Ryan

DEA Staff:

Larry Grimaldi

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sister Marietta Walsh at 10:05 AM

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

A motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes with corrections was made by Karen Enright. Correction to minutes – January 15th meeting was called to order by Rick Ryan. Sister Marietta Walsh seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

\$ 109.60. Approved.

Continued Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Topics & Speakers:

- ✓ Clarification of the Commission's role including the advisory role was provided by Sister Marietta Walsh (see attached)
- ✓ Additional resources which will be helpful for the Commission's discussions were presented by Sister Walsh (see attached)
- ✓ Clarification of the following three programs was provided by Larry Grimaldi
 - Road to Home
 - Integrated Care Initiative - Phase 1
 - Integrated Care Initiative - Phase 2

In particular, the inclusion of the Medicaid and Medicare eligible enrollees and the Medicare recipients with long term disability services was discussed. The three options within the program were also discussed. These included Rhody health Option, Connect Care Choice Community Partners, and PACE (see attached).

- Training related to options counseling has been started for the 6 regional centers (DEA).
- ✓ Concerns regarding Hospital Readmissions, Observation status, and Advance Care Planning were again raised. Of particular concern was the negative impact of each on the senior population.

Motion: Rick Ryan to send a letter to Senator Whitehouse regarding the Commission's stand on Observation Status (Joan Crawley). Motion seconded (Bill Flynn). The Motion approved unanimously.

- ✓ Other issues which were discussed related to the Governor Candidate's Agenda. It is important to provide a forum in which the senior services issues would be discussed with/presented to the candidates. Issues included Consolidation of DEA and DHHS, Loss of senior services for the elderly, past cuts to programs and future commitments to senior services/programs.
- ✓ Updates on the Bills previously presented to the Commission were provided by Bill Flynn (see attached).
- ✓ Some concern regarding the effect of changes in ownership –sale and resale- of nursing homes with the state.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Submitted February 28, 2014

Karen Enright
Secretary

Next Meeting March 19, 2014

Members excused from March meeting: Karen Enright

ATTACHMENTS

Rhode Island Governor's Commission on Aging

Rhode Island Advisory Commission On Aging

RHODE ISLAND ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING

The Rhode Island Advisory Commission on Aging was created in 1977 under the mandate of both the federal Older Americans Act and Rhode Island law. The Commission, appointed by the Governor, includes 13 consumer representatives, four minority representatives and three representatives from the adults with disabilities community. The Commission serves as an advisory organization to the Governor and the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Human Services, Division of Elderly Affairs.

Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs: Directions

The members of the Commission advocate for and support community based programs and services that preserve the independence and dignity of seniors and adults with disabilities. In the true spirit of advocacy, they are the voice of those who cannot speak for themselves.

Additional Resources

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Options Comparison Chart

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	Rhody Health Options	Connect Care Choice Community Partners	pace PACE Organization of Rhode Island
Enrollment	Individuals enroll in Neighborhood Health Plan of RI for their Medicaid services.	Individuals enroll in CCC Community Partners (CareLink) for their Medicaid services.	Individuals enroll in PACE if they meet a "high" or "highest" level of care.
Enrollee's Age	21 years old or older	21 years old or older	55 years old or older
Enrollment start date	Nov 1, Dec 1, Feb 1, Mar 1, and April 1.	Nov 1, Dec 1, Feb 1, Mar 1, and April 1.	Enrollment is done on an individual basis. A recipient must be determined eligible for a level of care need first.
Provider networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health plan participating providers; includes in-plan behavioral health* and Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS). If a person has Medicare or Medicare Advantage, that will be their primary health insurance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicaid fee-for-service participating providers; includes behavioral health* and Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS). If a person has Medicare or Medicare Advantage, that will be their primary health insurance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PACE participating providers A person enrolled in PACE would not be enrolled in original Medicare or Medicare Advantage.
Services provided through Medicaid fee-for-service	Dental LTSS for people with IDD through BHDDH Intensive Behavioral Health through BHDDH Non-Emergency Transportation	Dental LTSS for people with IDD through BHDDH Intensive Behavioral Health through BHDDH Non-Emergency Transportation	No services through Medicaid FFS.
Care Coordination	Periodic health risk assessments; Care Coordination based on level of need.	Periodic health risk assessments; Care Coordination based on level of need.	Periodic health risk assessments; Care Coordination based on level of need.
Nursing home	See health plans' network on website. www.bhddh.ri.gov	Statewide network available. 83 nursing homes participate with Medicaid.	13 nursing homes participate with PACE. See www.ri.gov/pace-37-0106
Enrollment Help Line	1-855-444-3604 Monday-Friday 9 am – 6 pm	1-855-444-3604 Monday-Friday 9 am – 6 pm	1-855-444-3604 Monday-Friday 9 am – 6 pm
Member Services	Neighborhood Health Plan of RI/ Member Services (local) 401-459-6601; (toll-free) 855-996-4774	CareLink/ Member Services (toll-free) 855-654-4067	PACE - (local) 401-490-6566; (toll-free) 877-781-7223

* For members with SPMI, all behavioral health services received through a Community Mental Health Center or BHDDH licensed provider will continue.

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Legislative Summary

THE SENIOR AGENDA COALITION OF RHODE ISLAND

2014 Priority Legislation

✓ = Indicates bill initiated by The Senior Agenda Coalition

As of: 2/18/2014

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Confirmed Upcoming Hearings Hi-Lited

Bill #	CATEGORY: Description	Prime Sponsor	Committee/ Room*	Hearing Date	Senior Agenda Position	Other Groups Supporting (*-primary)
H7413	National Criminal Background Checks for Caregivers	Naughton (H)	House Finance Rm. 35		Support	Atty. General(*), Alliance for Better LTC, OWPG
	National Criminal Background Checks for Caregivers		Senate Judiciary Rm. 313		Support	Atty. General(*), Alliance for Better LTC, OWPG
✓S2194	Community Senior Services Grant Program	DiPalma (S)	Senate Finance Room 211		Support	AARP, R.I.O.P., OWPG
✓H7236	Community Senior Services Grant Program	Shekarchi (H)	House Finance Rm. 35		Support	AARP, R.I.O.P., OWPG
✓S2215	Aging in Community Act of 2014	Goodwin (S)	Senate Finance Rm. 211		Support	AARP, R.I.O.P., OWPG
✓H7361	Aging in Community Act of 2014	Blazejewski (H)	House Finance Rm. 35		Support	AARP, R.I.O.P., OWPG
✓	Medicare Premium Savings Act	Lynch (S)	Senate Finance Rm. 211		Support	AARP, R.I.O.P., OWPG
✓H7288	Medicare Premium Savings Act	Ajello (H)	House Finance, Rm. 35		Support	AARP, R.I.O.P., OWPG
✓S2354	Resolution request posting assist. living info on DOH Website	Goldin (S)	Senate Health & Human Services Rm.		Support	AARP, OWPG

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