

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

Members present:

Rick Ryan, Karen Enright, Esther Price, Madeline Ernest, William Finelli, Brian Ott, MD., Joan Crawley, Sue Robbio

Members excused:

Bill Flynn

Staff:

Larry Grimaldi

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Rick Ryan at 10:07 AM

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Corrections:

William Finelli made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes, seconded by Brian Ott, MD. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

\$ 99.89. Approved.

Old Business: (from previous minutes)

1. The Division of Elderly Affairs responded to the October minutes regarding the statement of the goals in the State Plan. The Division is considering whether changes to the goals are needed in the future Plan. Additionally Paula Parker requested to attend the next Commission Meeting to discuss federal regulations and progress to date on the RI State Plan on Aging.
2. The Treasurer reported that Bank fees on the account have increased and as a result the Commission's account balance has decreased. Following Commission discussion, Joan Crawley moved that the Commission's goals related to finance be eliminated, the account to be closed, and the balance to be donated to the Tamarisk Assisted Living to support the refreshments that are provided at the meetings. The motion was seconded by Esther Price and was approved by the Commission members present.
3. Assistant Director P Parker questioned the letterhead used by the Commission. Currently the state seal appears on the letterhead. This will be addressed at the December meeting.
4. A letter regarding the role of the Commission and issues discussed at the last meeting was sent by Rick to DHS. The Commission is also asking that the Director of Elderly Affairs occasionally attend the Commission meetings in addition to Larry Grimaldi.
5. Now that Elderly Affairs is a Division as opposed to a Department, it was questioned as to who will appoint the Division Head in the new administration. Rick will request that a meeting with the Governor's transition team be scheduled. Based on the Commission's statutory responsibility Rick will attempt to connect with the Governor's transition team to request the opportunity to discuss the Cabinet status of the Division of Elderly Affairs. When the Commission meets with the transition team, the Commission will discuss the request for consideration of reinstating the Division of Elderly Affairs as a Department.
6. The Commission will set the next two meetings to prepare for the new administration including the role of the Commission.
7. New membership will be discussed at a later meeting..

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05AM.

Submitted

D. Karen Enright
Secretary