

Rhode Island Governor's Commission on Aging Minutes of May 20, 2015 Meeting

Members present:

Rick Ryan, Karen Enright, Esther Price, William Finelli, Brian Ott, MD, Jim Nyberg, Joan Crawley, Sue Robbio

Members excused:

Madeline Ernest, Bill Flynn, Susan Adler

Staff:

Charles Fogarty, DEA Director and Eric Beane, Deputy Chief of Staff

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Rick Ryan at 10:35 AM

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Corrections:

Rick made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes with a correction as to the role of Robin Etchingham. That sentence to be deleted. Motion was seconded by Esther Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

As mentioned in previous meetings, Dr. Ott expressed concern that the 'Alzheimer's State Plan' is being "mothballed" because he heard no reference to it made by Lt. Governor McKee. A report regarding the status of the Alzheimer's Plan was provided by Jim Nyberg. The Lieutenant Governor is meeting with committee chairs. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Director Fogarty introduced Eric Beane, Deputy Chief of Staff. Deputy Chief of Staff Beane provided a summary of some areas of focus for the new administration:

- Senior health care, stay at home initiative to decrease unnecessary nursing home placement with emphasis on home and community based services.
- Transportation issues and concerns
- Investments in home and community based respite care
- Reinventing Medicaid package
- 5 year state plan action points include:
 - emphasis on quality measures
 - evaluation of all programs
 - road map for years ahead
 - updates to documents

Discussion followed and the commission members shared information, experiences, and their concerns regarding these areas. Medicaid challenges related to financial and eligibility requirements were discussed along with the need for a new database.

The Commission members discussed the need for a stronger partnership with the new administration. A request for the Commission to meet with Governor Raimondo was made. Rick Ryan and Deputy Chief of Staff Beane will plan a meeting based the Governor's schedule.

Commission membership was reviewed including the process of appointment. Rick Ryan will provide Deputy Chief of Staff Beane with brief bio-sketches of the current members and an updated list of needed renewals.

Nominating Committee report:

Slate of 2016 Officers

President: Rick Ryan

Vice President: Susan Adler

Secretary D. Karen Enright

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM

Submitted:

D. Karen Enright, Secretary

Attendance

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