

LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL

June 13, 2007

State House Room 313

Providence, RI

10:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts

Sr. Marietta Walsh

Jennifer Wood

Daniel Meuse

Senator June Gibbs

John O'Hara

Roberta Merkle

Paula Parker

Cindy Soccio

John Cabral

Elena Goldstein

Alan Tavares

Karen Smith Amado

Al Santos

Jim Flanagan

Kathleen Connell

Don Williams

Ray Rusin

Robert DiCenso

Meeting called to Order by Chairwoman Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts at 10:04am.

Minutes of the May 9, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved with two changes.

Chairwoman Roberts introduces Dr. Tony Cirillo from the Department of Health to discuss emergency planning for vulnerable populations and issues relevant to persons in long term care settings. Main points of the presentation focused on community hospitals acting as local public health agencies and directing the needs of congregate care settings in a pandemic situation, the need for good communications for persons living independently, but needing assistance in an emergency, and accessing persons outside of the normal response system due to disabilities.

The Chair called on Dan Meuse from the Office of Lt. Governor to report on Legislative Activity. The report focused on budget issues, including:

COLA for nursing homes

Adult Day center regulation moving to Department of Health

Change in formula for Adult Day Centers funding from grant to reimbursement method

Concern over potential freezing of co-pay program for day centers
Permitting DHS to reallocate nursing home dollars to home and
community care under Perry/Sullivan act
CIS Networks

The Chair recognized Ray Rusin from the Department of Health to
report on nursing home deficiencies.

The next meeting date was announced as September 12, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24am