

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTEMENT OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS
HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes

April 28, 2009

Attendance: Elizabeth Morancy, Chair; Alan Tavares, Vice-Chair; Paula Parker, DEA; Michelle Szylin, DEA; Paulla Lipsey, DEA; Elizabeth Shelov, DEA; Tonya Pool, DEA; Dottie Santagata, Cornerstone Adult Services; Maureen Glynn, RI Attorney General, Dolores Dupre', Alternative Care; Ken Pariseau, NHPRI

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Chair Elizabeth Morancy. The minutes for the March meeting were reviewed and approved with no corrections.

Review of Public Hearing on Co-pay

The Public Hearing was held on April 21, 2009 with good feedback. As a result of the hearing the Rules and Regulations were re-drafted and presented to the Committee for review.

Clarification was given on cost share figures for Co-Pay Day Care. Additional changes were recommended by the Committee and noted by Department staff.

The comment period runs until May 5, 2009 for the Regulations heard April 21st. The revised regulations will be posted May 6, 2009 and the Public Hearing will be held June 8, 2009 at 10:00 at DLT in the first

floor conference room.

Budget

RIDEA 2010 budget hearings before the legislative Finance Committees have started. There were no expenditures figures available for the Co-pay or Waiver programs to be reported.

Global Waiver

Implementation Meetings have just started again. DEA staff have been assigned to work on several work groups.

Legislative Update

Elizabeth Morancy states that there is a 2009 amendment to the law related to Missing Individuals Aged 60 and Older that adds persons with a diagnosis of dementia at any age to the affected populations. It has passed the House.

Other Business

Alan Tavares announced that Elizabeth Morancy will be awarded the 2009 Thomas A. Lamb award at the Annual Meeting of the RI Partnership for Home Care.

Paulla Lipsey is concerned about the number of people on the committee. Not all of the appointments have been filled. The names for appointment have been sent over to the office of the Senate

President.

A concern was expressed by members about delays in DEA Co-pay authorizations. Also Adult day care expressed concern that they are not getting any referrals from the case management agencies or the POINT.

A suggestion was made to invite Charlotte Becher of the POINT to the next meeting as well as a representative from DEA to discuss Self Neglect and Abuse Programs.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:16