Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs
Home & Community Care Advisory Committee
Minutes
April 26, 2011

Attendance:
Mary Ladd, DEA; Rhonda Schwartz, DEA; Kathleen Zaroogian, DEA: Diane Gallagher, Alliance; Charles Dress, SHL; Kathy McKeon, Diocese of Providence; Verteal Patterson, AARP; Paula Dunne, WB CAP; Donna McGowan, Alzheimer's Association; Kathleen Kelly / Chair; RIALA; Cathy Cranston, RIPHC.

The meeting began at 9:07 a.m. Introductions followed.

Review of Minutes:

No comments.

DEA Update

A budget update was not available at the time of the meeting since hearings were scheduled to take place later in the day. An update will be forthcoming at next month's meeting. There was a discussion of the extensive work DEA is doing to rebuild RIPAE.

Presentation by Rhonda Schwartz, DEA:

Topic: THE POINT-ADRC

Rhonda gave a thorough explanation of THE POINT (ADRC) and how it functions. Rhonda talked about the various outreach and marketing efforts currently taking place. She provided an estimate of individuals utilizing the point as a resource. Information was given on the Regional Points, Options Counseling, Care Transitions Initiative.

Issues of Importance

Kathy McKeon from the Diocese of Providence expressed concern over the funding amounts for Legislative grants and explained the importance of the Respite grant administered by the Diocese.

Kathleen Kelly announced that a co-chair needs to be elected to the Committee. A request was made for volunteers; however, no one volunteered at that time.

An announcement was made regarding April 30 being Prescription Drug Take Back Day, which is a project encouraging individuals to clean out their medicine chests. Local police stations were designated as drop off places.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 @ 9:00am

Respectfully submitted
Kathleen Zaroogian, DEA