

**Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs
Home & Community Care Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes for June 28, 2011
Scandinavian Home, 1811 Broad Street, Cranston, RI**

In Attendance:

Catherine Taylor; DEA, Kathleen Zaroogian; DEA, Paula Parker; DEA, Catherine Graziano; AARP, Charles Dress; AARP, Jennifer DelBonis; Westbay CAP, Carol Rosola; Diocese of Providence, Chris Murphy, Westbay CAP, Donna Lonschein; Alliance, Michelle Szylin; DHS, Dottie Santagata; Cornerstone-Leading Age, Terry Slane; ACMS, Jodi Bourque; RIAG, Verteal Patterson,;AARP, Donna McGowan; Alzheimer's Association, Kathleen Kelly/Chair; RIALA.

The meeting began at 9:05 AM. Introductions followed.

Review of Minutes: No comments.

DEA Direction

Director Taylor discussed the recent passage by the General Assembly of legislation that caused the Department of Elderly Affairs to become a division within the Department of Human Services and the potential implications of this change.

There was no mention of any immediate change to programs or staff. Director Taylor emphasized that the Older Americans Act requires that there be a State Unit on Aging. Specifics of how this change will impact the overall function of Elderly Affairs has not been determined.

Further updates will be provided as they are obtained.

SFY 2012 Budget Impact

The budget leaves in place the RIPAE statute and provides additional funds to continue the program.

The budget reduces all legislative grants by 10% for all agencies.

The budget reduces the state supplemental payment for SSI recipients in assisted living facilities and eliminates the General Public Assistance hardship contingency fund. Many concerns were addressed during the meeting regarding the financial feasibility for facilities to remain open and how this will directly impact the living status of the individuals in these facilities.

Utilization of the DEA HCC Advisory Committee

Future discussions are needed to address how the Director can best utilize the HCC Advisory Committee.

Status of Ombudsman Regulations

DEA is in the process of reviewing comments and will revise the proposed regulations in response thereto.

Future Meeting Dates:

Will be provided.

HCBS Metrics

Paula Parker to forward to the group via email later in July 2011.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 @ 9:00am

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Zarogian, DEA