

**Rhode Island Department of Human Services  
Division of Elderly Affairs  
Home & Community Care Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes for September 27, 2011  
Scandinavian Home, 1811 Broad Street, Cranston, RI**

**In Attendance:**

Kathleen Kelly/Chair; RIALA; Mary Ladd; DEA, Kathleen Zaroogian; DEA, Catherine Graziano; AARP, Charles Dress; AARP, Linda A'Vant-Deishinni; Diocese of Providence, Carol Rosol; Diocese of Providence, Diane Gallagher; Alliance, Ken Pariseau; NHPRI, Dottie Santagata; Cornerstone-Leading Age, Terry Slane; ACMS, Cathy Cranston; RIPHC, Joan Kwiatkowski; PACE.

The meeting began at 9:08 a.m. Introductions followed.

**Review of Minutes:** No comments.

**DEA as part of DHS-Director Taylor**

Director Taylor was unable to attend the meeting but sent along comments from the September issue of the Senior Digest which ran a column on the consolidation of Elderly Affairs under the Department of Human Services. The column was reviewed and discussed.

**SSI Reduction Status**

The ramifications of this item were discussed in length. Suggestions were made by several Committee members to draft a letter from the entire Advisory Committee to be forwarded to Catherine Taylor, DEA Director, regarding the Committee's concern about the SSI reduction. Suggestions were also made for each individual Committee member to forward their specific concerns to the court in advance of the next hearing.

**HCBS Report**

Handouts were provided and the report was reviewed and discussed.

**Utilization of the DEA HCC Advisory Committee**

This item will be put on hold until Director Taylor can address it with the committee.

## **Future Meeting Dates**

The Advisory Committee will meet on the following dates at 9:00 a.m. here at the Scandinavian Home, 1811 Broad Street, Cranston, RI.

October 25, 2011  
November 22, 2011  
December-No meeting  
January 24, 2012  
February 28, 2012  
March 27, 2012  
April 24, 2012  
May 22, 2012  
June 26, 2012

## **News from Committee:**

Discussed upcoming events:

Walk to end Alzheimer's Sunday, October 2, 2011 Slater Memorial Park, Pawtucket

Senior Agenda Conference & Expo, Friday, November 4, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI

Meeting ended: 10:02 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Kathleen Zaroogian, DEA

