

**Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs
Home & Community Care Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2012
Scandinavian Home, Inc. – Retirement Center
50 Warwick Avenue, Cranston, RI 02905**

In Attendance:

Catherine Taylor; DEA, Paula Parker; DEA, Mary Ladd; DEA, Kathleen Zaroogian; DEA, Kathy McKeon; Diocese of Providence, Charles Dress; AARP, Diane Gallagher; Alliance, Ken Pariseau; NHPRI, Michelle Szylin; EOHHS, Melody Rodrigues; DEA, Joan Kwiatkowski; PACE, Terry Slane; ACMS, Catherine Graziano; AARP, Donna McGowan; Alzheimer's Association, Carly A. Hague; Cornerstone, Tonya Pool; DEA.

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

Review of Minutes: No comments.

Discussion of vacancy in Committee Chairmanship

Paula Parker discussed the expiration of the previous Chair to the Home & Community Care Advisory Committee which ended on 12-31-11. A current membership list was passed out and requests were made for any updates. A request was made for a member to step forward and assume the role of Chairperson and a brief summary of responsibilities for this role were discussed. Members were asked to email Mary Ladd if they are interested in assuming this role and were also encouraged to suggest names for the Committee to consider.

Discussion of Committee Membership Vacancies

Kathy McKeon expressed concern that the POINT was not officially represented in the Committee and suggested that a designee from the POINT be invited to participate in meetings. Interest was expressed to seek more members from the general public to sit on the Committee and how to go about doing this.

Follow-up: DEA Home and Community Based Services Report distributed at 11/22/11 meeting:

Paula Parker read the report to the Committee and questions were addressed on how some of the figures were obtained. A suggestion was made to add more categories to the report and develop a system where clients receiving multiple services could be captured.

Description of the new Money follows the Person-ADRC Grant

DEA received a \$400,000 Money follows the Person ADRC grant. The primary goal of this grant is to strengthen the role of ADRC and regional POINTS. Options counseling will be put in place and a major goal will be to help coordinate transitions from nursing homes to community based settings for older adults and people with disabilities or chronic conditions.

Future Meeting dates

February 28, 2012

March 27, 2012

April 24, 2012

May 22, 2012

June 26, 2012

September 25, 2012

October 23, 2012

November 27, 2012

Meeting ended: 9:57am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 @ 9:00am

Respectfully submitted
Kathleen Zaroogian, DEA