

**Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs
Home & Community Care Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for April 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, Diane Gallagher; Alliance, Catherine Graziano; AARP, Donna McGowan; Alzheimer's Association, Chris Murphy; Westbay CAP, Cristina Amedeo; United Way, John O'Hara; AARP, Holly Garvey; Amy Lapierre; EOHHS, Michelle Szylin; EOHHS, Cathy Cranston; RIPHC, Verteal Patterson; AARP.

The meeting began at 9:07 AM. Introductions followed.
Cathy Cranston from the Rhode Island Partnership for Home Care chaired the meeting.

Review of Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

DEA Home and Community Based Services Report

Paula Parker read through the report with the Committee and discussed the figures which indicate steady growth in a majority of the programs.

Presentation on Transportation

Amy Lapierre from EOHHS gave a detailed explanation of the current Elderly Transportation program. Amy explained the history of the program, how the program is designed to work and the current financial strains on the program and how the department is dealing with these financial issues.

DEA Community Service Grants

Hearings were held on DEA's Community Service Grants. Several recipients testified at these hearings, expressing concern in the recent cuts.

Future Meeting Locations

A few suggestions were made to hold the HCCAC meetings in another location. Some suggestions were made to hold meetings at AARP, United Way and DEA.

Future Meeting dates

May 22, 2012
June 26, 2012
September 25, 2012
October 23, 2012
November 27, 2012

Meeting ended: 10:00am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 @ 9:00am at the Scandinavian Home.

Respectfully submitted
Kathleen Zaroogian, DEA