

**Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs
Home & Community Care Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2013
RIDEA-74 West Road-Garden Level Conference Room
Cranston, RI 02920**

In Attendance:

Catherine Taylor; Director DEA, Paula Parker; DEA, Kathleen Zaroogian; DEA, Rebecca Martish; Chair/Carelink, Michelle Szylin; EOHHS, Diane Gallagher; Alliance, Katie Ryan; Attorney General, Charles Dress; AARP, Chris Murphy; Westbay, Jim Nyberg; Leading Age RI.

The meeting began at 9:10 AM. Introductions followed.

Review of Minutes: No comments.

DEA Home and Community Based Services Report

Paula Parker provided a handout of the Home and Community Care Utilization Report for SFY 2013 and reviewed the figures. The report reflected growth in a majority of categories.

DEA Updates

Budget Update

Catherine Taylor, Director of the Division of Elderly affairs provided a budget update indicating that there would be level funding for all current services and no anticipated changes or additions in services.

Regulatory Update

Rebecca attended the public hearing on the Rule-Making to Home and Community Care Regulations and submitted comments. A decision was made not to move forward with making changes to the Home and Community Care regulations at this point. The plan is to take a more comprehensive look at the proposed changes and revisit the issue in July. It is clear that our voices and those of other stakeholders were heard at the public hearing.

State Plan on Alzheimer's

The Listening sessions for the State Plan on Alzheimer's were very successful. There was a great response with significant feedback from various populations. A draft report of the State Plan is due to the Governor by July 1, 2013.

Review Meeting Dates 2013 (See list of dates below)

February 26, 2013

March 26, 2013

April 23, 2013

May 28, 2013

June 25, 2013

September 24, 2013

October 22, 2013

November 26, 2013

Meeting ended: 9:45am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 26, 2013 @ 9:00am at the DEA, Garden Level Conference Rm.

Respectfully submitted
Kathleen Zaroogian, DEA