

**Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs  
Home & Community Care Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2013  
RIDEA-74 West Road-Garden Level Conference Room  
Cranston, RI 02920**

**In Attendance:**

Mary Ladd; DEA, Kathleen Zaroogian; DEA, Rebecca Martish; Chair/Carelink, Michelle Szylin; EOHHS, Marie Stoeckel; DEA, Diane Gallagher; Alliance, Dottie Santagata; Cornerstone, Kathy McKeon; Diocese of Providence, John O'Hara; AARP, Verteal Patterson; AARP, Charles Dress; AARP, Chris Murphy; Westbay CAP, Nicholas Oliver; RIPHC.

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

**Review of Minutes:** No comments.

**Update on SHIP Program and New Director** (presented by Marie Stoeckel, DEA)

Marie Stoeckel, DEA's new Chief of Program Development for the SHIP program, provided a very detailed explanation of the State Health Insurance Assistance Program, also known as (SHIP). Marie provided a brochure to the committee and described highlights of the program. She discussed the funding source of the program, training of volunteers, and importance of open enrollment and discussed various SHIP agency locations in Rhode Island.

**CareBreaks Program Update** (presented by Kathy McKeon, Diocese of Providence)

Kathy McKeon from the Diocese of Providence provided a detailed overview of the Carebreaks program. Kathy provided several brochures and listed highlights of the program. Kathy answered questions from committee members.

**Legislation update**

It was brought to the committee's attention that the Senior Agenda Coalition is supporting several pieces of legislation in the General Assembly. Please refer to their website for further info on these bills <http://www.senioragendari.org/advocacy/>.

**Old Business** (Phone conference with various groups who share similar goals and objectives)

Rebecca prepared a detailed memo regarding the conference call that took place on January 17, 2013. The memo lists all the participants and their titles and provides a brief explanation of the role each agency plays along with goals and accomplishments.

Rebecca asked for the committee's thoughts on the memo and in particular what is the best use of the memo. Members agreed that the memo should be forwarded to the DEA Director, Catherine Taylor and perhaps a second conference call could be arranged to include the other agencies that were not available for the first call.

Meeting ended: 10:05am

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

Respectfully submitted  
Kathleen Zaroogian, DEA