

**Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs  
74 West Road; Cranston, RI 02920, Garden Conference Room  
Home & Community Care Advisory Committee Minutes  
January 28, 2014**

**Attendance:**

Rebecca Martish / Chair, Carelink; Diane Gallagher, Alliance for BLTC; Kathleen Zaroogian, DEA; Catherine Taylor, DEA; Verteal Patterson, AARP; Nicholas Oliver, RIPHC; Jim Nyberg, Leading Age RI; Kathleen Kelly, RIALA; John O'Hara, AARP; Charles Dress, AARP; Mary Ladd, DEA; Ken Pariseau, NHPRI; Linda A'Vant-Deishinni, Diocese of Providence; Kelly A. Lee, PACE/ADCW; Thomas Martin, EOHHS.

The meeting began at 9:00 AM. Introductions followed.

The November 26, 2013 minutes were reviewed. No changes, corrections or additions were noted. Minutes accepted.

**Budget Presentation-Alda Rego, Chief Financial Officer, EOHHS**

Alda Rego, Chief Budget Officer for the EOHHS was unable to attend the meeting. Alda will potentially attend February's meeting.

**Update on Transportation-Tom Martin, EOHHS, Policy & Innovation Transportation Program**

Tom Martin was previously at BHDDH and has been at EOHHS for approximately five months now in charge of Policy and Innovation for the Transportation program. He explained the major goals for the transportation program. The main goal is to stream line transportation to a one contract service in an effort to make it less complicated, improve accountability, increase resources and expand the territory of the program.

An RFP has gone out and the goal is to have a broker in place by July 1, 2014. The broker will cover all phases of the transportation program.

**Brief update on DEA Budget**

There are no significant cuts in the DEA budget, no cut in the co-pay program and adult day care. There is an increase of approximately \$281,000 for Medicaid financing.

**Legislation Discussion**

A few members spoke on current bills being considered. One of which is restoring funding for SSI for Assisted Living facilities. Another bill would request a rate increase for home and community care based services.

Meeting ended at 9:45am.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 2014**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Zaroogian, DEA