

**Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs  
Home & Community Care Advisory Committee  
MINUTES  
March 24, 2015**

**Attendance:**

Nicholas Oliver; RIPHC / Committee Chair, Mary Ladd; DEA, Andrew Powers; DOH, Diane Gallagher; Alliance BLTC, Dottie Santagata; Cornerstone, Mary Lou Rhodes; VNS Home Health, Linda A'Vant-Deishinni; Diocese of Providence, Amanda Clark; United Way 211 The POINT, Helen Grimaldi; C&FS, Paula Parker; DEA, Ver teal Patterson; AARP , Charles Dress; AARP, Catherine Graziano; AARP / SHL, John O'Hara; AARP / VA, Jim Nyberg; Leading Age RI, Lou Azie; Charlesgate Assisted Living

1. The meeting began at 9:10 AM. Introductions followed.
2. The Minutes from the last meeting held on February 24, 2015 were accepted as written; no corrections or additions. Motion to accept; John O'Hara, seconded by Charles Dress.
3. **DEA Update – Home & Community Care Programs**  
**Paula Parker; Assistant Director DEA**
  - RHO data on DEA Programs has still not been finalized. NHPRI is working with HP to ensure that data reporting is accurate. DEA continues to monitor this and will report to the Committee when that data becomes available.
  - The Governor's Budget has a line item earmarking an extra \$330,000.00 for Meals on Wheels of RI's home-delivered meals program.
  - The DEA H&CC Regulations are currently with OHHS Legal; the goal being completion by the end of FY15.
  - CMS HCBS Community Rule is a federal rule for residential and non-residential settings. This rule defines and sets criteria for what constitutes a community setting delivered via the RI 1115 Waiver. DEA is currently working with OHHS and other state agencies to develop and institute a transition plan to bring these settings in to compliance with this Community Rule by 2019.
  - DEA Grants are subject to new federal requirements which are affecting the timeliness of the grants process at this time.
  - DEA's State Plan final draft is due for submission by June 30, 2015. Public Hearings on the State Plan will be held in April and/or May; more information to follow.
4. **National Criminal Background Check**

Update provided by Committee Nicholas Oliver. Joe Lindbeck was unable to attend today's meeting. The Provider data base for national criminal background checks was scheduled for roll-out on 10/1/2014 however there have been systematic issues with the data base. Dashboard corrections have been made and an implementation plan is needed. No date as of this time when the data base will be up and running. Individuals can continue to go to the AG's Office and be fingerprinted; cost is \$35.00.
5. **2015 Legislative Update from Community Partners**

- Reported by Committee Chair Nicholas Oliver: House Bill 5515 requesting an increase rate for Medicaid fee-for-service Providers: Adult Day Care, Home Care and Home Nursing. No movement on this Bill; Governor's Budget was released on March 12, 2015.
- Jim Nyberg / Leading Age RI reports on a current Bill requesting that Providers contract directly with Logisticare to obtain a Public Motor Vehicle contract.
- Reported by Catherine Graziano: The current Health Policy Council will hold a meeting on March 31, 2015. Subsequent to this meeting, new appointments to this Council will be made by the Governor. This Council oversees providers for a certificate of need. There are currently 22 members on this Council.

**6. Agenda Setting Discussion for Next Meeting DEA Update**

State Plan Goals, Objectives and Accomplishments.

**7. Public Comment and Announcements**

- The Governor, by executive order, has established a 29-member Reinventing Medicaid Group. There have already been 2 community meetings/listening sessions. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final meeting will take place on April 1, 2015 at the Portsmouth Library. The website for this group is [reinventingmedicaid.ri.gov](http://reinventingmedicaid.ri.gov). Visit the website for further information.
- Transportation continues to be an issue for recipients. Committee members report that when an issue arises, responses are not timely. Paula Parker to present this information to OHHS.
- Larry Grimaldi will be honored for his retirement from state service today at the Johnston Senior Center from 2 to 4 PM.

**8. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by John O'Hara; seconded by Mary Lou Rhodes. Meeting adjourned at 10:20.

**Next Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, April 28, 2015; 9:00 to 10:30 AM**  
**Garden Level Conference Room / Hazard Building; 74 West Road,**  
**Cranston, RI**

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Mary Ladd  
 DEA H&CC Coordinator  
 March 25, 2015