

Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs

Home and Community Care

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2006

Attendance:

Alan Tavares, Vice-Chair; RI Partnership for Home Care

Paulla Lipsey, DEA

Michelle Szylin, DEA

Donna M. Cone, Ph.D, DEA

Richard Yacino, Department of Health

Donna Rotondi, Office of Lt. Governor, LTCCC

Becky Bradley, Alliance for Better Long Term Care

Jean Anderson, VNS Newport and Bristol Counties

Mary Frances Campbell, RIRTA/AARP

Kathleen Kelly, RIALA

Jay Burdick, Diocese of Providence

Christian Stephens, NRI/ CRA Community Services

Dolores Dupre, Alternative Care

Arthur Plitt, Governor's Advisory Commission on Disabilities

Excused:

Liz Morancy, Chair

Meeting was called to order by Vice- Chair Alan Tavares at 9:15 am.

Review of Minutes of Last Meeting

Mr. Yacino made a correction to the minutes. He asked that on page three, first paragraph, line three be omitted as that information is not accurate.

Mr. Burdick made a motion to accept the minutes as revised, Ms. Dupre seconded, the motion carried. The correction Mr. Yacino requested was completed.

Review of Home and Community Care Worker of the Year Event for 2007

Mrs. Lipsey reported that the event was successful and handed out some documents which outline expenditures for the event as well as copies of nomination forms, invitations ect... for the committee to use as a guideline. Mrs. Lipsey will work with the committee as a reference.

Mr. Tavares questioned DHS involvement in the past. Mrs. Lipsey stated they never funded the event but were added as a courtesy. He also inquired if there was no budget would DEA need to be involved. It was stated that they would not need to be involved. In light of these facts, it was decided that this committee would be represented as sponsoring this event. It was felt that funds could be raised via donations to support the event in the future.

Several issues were discussed and final decisions will be made by the chosen workgroup. These issues are:

- o Budget?**
- o Which trade organizations should be involved?**
- o What criteria should be set for each category?**
- o Who should be recognized?**
- o Creating a more objective evaluation.**
- o Should there be a different venue?**

Mr. Tavares volunteered to chair this committee. Volunteers from this group are Jean Anderson, Chris Stephens, Kathleen Kelly, Paulla Lipsey, and Respite.

Mr. Tavares will talk to the Alliance for Better LTC, Dottie Santagata and AARP.

It was decided that this issue will be discussed again in September and the committee can meet in early October.

Mr. Stephens inquired if there was a foundation or a trade organization participating. Mrs. Lipsey stated that there has not been in the past however it may be the goal. Mr. Tavares suggested publicizing it to the trade associations and perhaps the home care agencies, assisted livings and ADC's could make donations.

Legislative Update

Ms. Rotondi did not know she was filling in for Mrs. Maigret until first thing this morning and did not bring the updates to the meeting. She will e-mail them to those who would like them.

Mr. Stephens inquired about the Budget to enhance HCBS. Dr. Cone indicated she can not discuss the budget as DEA does not have the final paperwork.

Home and Community Care Update

Michelle Szylin reported that 151 slots in the RIMFC Waiver have been given to the three facilities according to the court order therefore we can begin accessing the people who are waiting for availability in the other facilities. A meeting will be held to determine how we will proceed through the list.

Mrs. Lipsey reported that July 1, 2006 the co-pay guidelines will change.

Dr. Cone informed members that Mary Ann Ciano of the DEA has been appointed as the new supervisor of the protective services unit.

She also informed members that Rhonda Schwartz has been hired as the new DEA attorney. Rhonda will be working with the protective

services unit along with her duties in administration.

Dr. Cone informed the members that the protective services unit is being computerized. They are also formalizing practices across the state. There is a proposal in for after hours to provide emergency services nights and weekends. This has been put into the budget but has not been seen yet.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Item to be added to the agenda for September is a report on final spending for FY 06' and the new budget for FY 07'.

There will be no meeting in July and August. The next meeting is September 26, 2006 at 9:00.

Mr. Tavares adjourned the meeting at 10:40.