# CONNECTICUT CONTINUING CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE Masonicare at Ashlar Village, Wallingford, Connecticut Minutes of the Meeting November 17, 2017

### **Attendance**

The following members were present: Mag Morelli, Maureen Weaver, Jennifer Rannestad, Jon Paul Venoit, Rich Wysocki, Jonathan Fink, Mackenzie Welch (representing Andrew Nesi), William Thompson, Fred Langhoff, John Johl and Marjorie Sullivan

Several members of the public were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

## **Minutes**

The minutes of the September 15, 2017 meeting were approved as corrected.

# **Department of Social Services Comments**

Mr. Wysocki reported that two new appointments have been made by the Commissioner to fill the two vacant positions on the Committee. The appointees are Fred Langhoff, a resident of Elim Park which is a non-profit community, and John Johl who is a resident of Essex Meadows and the President of ConnCCRA.

Mr. Wysocki then gave an update on the outcomes of the recent state legislative special session as they relate to continuing retirement communities. He also reported that the current nursing home provider tax was resubmitted to CMS for their review and approval. The tax was previously approved when first enacted over 10 years ago and contains an exemption for CCRC/Life Plan Community nursing home beds. Mr. Wysocki stated that the resubmission attempts to maintain the status quo of the current exemption.

Mr. Wysocki reported that the problems encountered when the Department of Social Services' redesigned their website remain and that the posted CCRC/Life Plan Community disclosure statements are only updated as of February of 2017. The Department is working on updating the site postings with a target date of February 2018.

# **2018 Meeting Dates**

The Committee established the following meeting dates for 2018: March 23, June 15, September 21 and November 16. The meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be held at Masonicare at Ashlar Village in Wallingford. The Committee expressed their gratitude to Masonicare for hosting the meetings.

## **New Business**

There was no new business brought before the Committee.

# **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date is scheduled to be March 23, 2018. The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Masonicare at Ashlar Village in Wallingford.

### **Public Comments**

Kate Waterman, a continuing care community resident in attendance, commented on the impressive messages expressed at the recent LeadingAge national meeting, including the mission to eliminate ageism.

# **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.