

CONNECTICUT CONTINUING CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Masonicare at Ashlar Village, Wallingford, Connecticut
Minutes of the Meeting
October 16, 2015

Attendance

The following members were present: Mag Morelli, Maureen Weaver, Jennifer Rannestad, Marjorie Sullivan, William Thompson, Andrew Nesi, Jon-Paul Venoit, Rich Wysocki and Dick Clarke.

Also present was George Thomas for Jonathan Fink.

The meeting was open to the public and several CCRC residents were in attendance including residents from Elim Park, Ashlar Village, Edgehill, and Watermark at 30/30.

Not attending: Billie Alban and Keith Robertson.

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

Committee Composition

Ms. Morelli reported that the Commissioner has officially appointed Dick Clarke, the new ConnCCRA President, Andrew Nesi of HJSimms, and Jonathan Fink of BlumShapiro to the Committee. In addition, Richard Wysocki, Principal Cost Analyst of the Department of Social Services, is a member of the Committee as the Commissioner's designee. A new committee contact sheet was distributed.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 17, 2015 meeting were approved.

Department of Social Services Comments

Mr. Wysocki commented that Public Act 15-115, An Act Establishing a Bill of Rights of Residents of Continuing Care Retirement Communities, has been posted on the DSS website at: <http://www.ct.gov/dss/cwp/view.asp?a=4655&q=548606>.

2016 Meeting Dates

The committee adopted the following meeting dates for 2016:

- January 15, 2016
- May 20 2016
- August 19, 2016
- November 18, 2016

The meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Masonicare at Ashlar Village in Wallingford.

Implementation of Public Act 15-115, An Act Establishing a Bill of Rights of Residents of Continuing Care Retirement Communities, on the CCRC Campuses

This agenda item was requested by Ms. Sullivan who reported that at Seabury they have discussed the new law with the resident council and are trying to be as transparent as possible with the residents. A letter with the resident rights will be going out to all of the residents.

The following information was provided by others in attendance:

- ConnCCRA has printed the resident rights aspects of the bill in a two page document and distributed it at their last meeting.
- Essex Meadows reported that they have discussed it with the resident council and at resident meetings.
- Watermark 30/30 Park reported that the resident council had not done much yet, but they expect to do so in an upcoming meeting.
- Masonicare at Ashlar Village reported that they are all set and that they are in compliance with all of the newly enacted rights.
- Elim Park reported that it is posted on bulletin boards, has been emailed to all residents, and has been posted in the minutes on the website.

Mr. Wysocki was asked if DSS intended to replace the current regulations with this statute. He indicated that DSS would like to have the regulations withdrawn and Ms. Weaver clarified that even if the regulations are not withdrawn, the new statute would supersede any regulations that may conflict with the new statutory language.

Question Regarding whether DSS Has the Resources to Enforce the New Statute

Ms. Alban requested this agenda item and Mr. Wysocki stated that DSS was ready to enforce the new statute.

New Business

Mr. Wysocki reported that DSS is not planning to propose any new CCRC legislation in the 2016 session.

Audience Comments

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to comment. It was mentioned that ConnCCRA was gathering information on the differences between the CCRCs. It was also reported that the National Association of Continuing Care Residents has signed an alignment agreement with LeadingAge.

Next Meeting

The next meeting date will be January 15, 2016.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.