

Working Group to Re-imagine Rocky Hill

Minutes

November 19, 2014

The Lyceum, 227 Lawrence St in Hartford

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Members Present: Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Joe Perkins, Daniel McHale, Frank Alvarado, Dr. David Rosenthal, Margaret Middleton, Terry Brennan, Lisa Tepper Bates, Paul Tarbox, Rebecca Wareing

The meeting was called to order by Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman. After welcoming members of the Working Group, the Lt. Governor turned the meeting over to Acting Commissioner Joseph Perkins.

Commissioner Perkins outlined the intent of the meeting, which was to give members an overview of the programs and policies at the Rocky Hill Campus. In addition, staff will present high level information regarding the current physical conditions on the campus.

Presentations were made by Maria Cheney and Dr. Babatunde Green that also included discussion of outreach and communication to the veterans' community by DVA and its relation to other service providers to veterans.

Members asked a number of questions regarding how some of the physical upgrades discussed related to potential adaptive reuses of the facility.

Dr. David Rosenthal asked to receive the annual maintenance budget breaking it down by facility.

Also members expressed interest in having a greater understanding of some of the demographic trends before we determine what kinds of physical changes or program changes might be made on the campus.

A brief update was given on the status of the facility planning process that will be done by the firm of Ames & Whitaker working with DAS Construction Services.

The next meeting of the Working Group will include a presentation by the staff of Program Review and Investigations on its study of the Rocky Hill Campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM. The next meeting has yet to be scheduled.