

CONNECTICUT CONTINUING CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Masonicare at Ashlar Village, Wallingford, Connecticut
Minutes of the Meeting
November 16, 2018

Attendance

The following members were present: Mag Morelli, Maureen Weaver, Rich Wysocki, William Thompson, Fred Langhoff, Jennifer Rannistad, Jon Paul Venoit, and Keith Robertson.

George Thomas sat in for Jonathan Fink.

Several members of the public were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 21, 2018 meeting were approved.

Department of Social Services Comments

Mr. Wysocki explained that with the recent election of a new governor, the administration is in a period of transition. He stated that there are no current plans for the state to introduce new legislation regarding Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs), also known as Life Plan Communities.

In light of the inclement weather the state had just experienced, Mr. Wysocki asked that the Committee establish a process for determining how a meeting would be cancelled if needed. It was determined that the Chair (Ms. Morelli) would consult with the Department's representative on the Committee (Mr. Wysocki) to determine whether a meeting should be cancelled. The Chair would then inform the members of the Committee, as well as any other individuals on the mailing list, by email of a decision to cancel.

Mr. Wysocki inquired as to whether the Department's representative and or the Chair needed to be present to go forth with a meeting and it was determined that the meeting could proceed without the representative

and/or the Chair being present and that the Chair could appoint someone to run the meeting.

Presentation Postponed

Steve Maag, Director of Residential Communities at LeadingAge, was to present on trends in senior living, but he was unable to attend due to the weather. The Committee agreed to try to reschedule his presentation for March 29.

Around the Table Updates

The Committee members raised and discussed the following issues:

- The film documentary “Lives Well Lived” will be shown at Masonicare on November 29. The showing is being co-sponsored by LeadingAge Connecticut.
- A recommendation that the Committee invite a speaker to discuss Fair Housing compliance so as to enrich our understanding of the regulations.
- The impact of a positive housing market on CCRC sales.
- The concerns regarding health care workforce shortages, wage pressures and marketplace wage competition.
- Declining nursing home occupancy that is occurring statewide.
- The “CCRC Without Walls” product.
- The current number of CCRC/Life Plan Communities.
- The update of the ConnCCRA Consumer Guide which will be a 26 page PDF.
- The state and federal regulations regarding Medicaid acceptance.
- The type A life care contract and its place in the current market.
- The use of safety checks for residents in certain communities.
- The implications of tax reform and the new Congress on the future of municipal bond financing.
- Upcoming accounting rule changes that will modify the structure of financial statements.
- The concern over the future of long-term care insurance products and whether the life plan community will be seen as a potential replacement.
- The state medical marijuana laws and recent court rulings regarding employee use.

- Emergency services stress and grief counseling and the idea of creating similar counseling services for health care personnel who experience grief and stress in their employment.

2019 Meeting Dates

The Committee agreed to establish the following meeting dates for 2019: March 29, June 28, September 27, and November 22. The meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be held as Masonicare at Ashlar Village in Wallingford.

New Business

No new business was brought up.

Comments from the Public

The residents in attendance were invited into the previous Committee discussions.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be March 29, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. and will be held at Masonicare at Ashlar Village in Wallingford. Steve Maag of LeadingAge will be invited to present on trends in the market of senior living.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.