**CONNECTICUT CONTINUING CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held at Masonicare at Ashlar Village**

**November 17, 2023**

**Attendance**

The following committee members were present: Rich Wysocki, Mag Morelli, Jonathan Fink, Fred Langhoff, Dolores Szyszko, Keith Robertson, Maureen Weaver, William Thompson, Kathleen Dess, and Peggy Joyce

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Morelli. The committee members and the attending public introduced themselves.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the September 29, 2023 meeting were approved.

**Guest Speaker**

Ruth Mitman, a member of the Seabury at Home community, spoke on her efforts within that community to facilitate a caregiver support group for members of the community who are caring for a spouse or adult child. Her presentation and the robust discussion that followed focused on the need for caregiver support as well as on issues of social isolation, ageism and the need for caregiver resources.

**DSS Update**

Mr. Wysocki updated the committee on the Department’s efforts to keep the CCRC disclosure statement postings up to date on the website. The postings of the 2023 statements have been delayed due to staffing issues and there have been some issues with the advisory committee page that hosts the minutes and notices. Mr. Wysocki reported that these issues are being addressed.

**Discussion Topics Submitted by ConnCCRA**

A discussion ensued on two topics submitted by ConnCCRA. The first topic was how the Covid-19 pandemic experience has influenced the strategic and financial planning of Life Plan Communities. The second topic was regarding how the Life Plan Communities are addressing cybersecurity.

**Update on the Consumer Handbook**

Rev. Szyszko reported that she is working to finalize the edits to the third edition of the consumer guide developed by members of ConnCCRA and entitled, “Is a Connecticut Continuing Care Retirement Community Right for You?”

**Around the Table Updates**

Mr. Robertson gave an update on the current challenges in the financing markets. He and Mr. Fink also spoke about the impact of inflation on the cost of operations and how this is being reflected in the monthly service fees.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Comments from the Public**

The committee engaged the public throughout the meeting.

**Next Meeting Dates**

The next meeting dates were set as follows: April 26, 2024, June 14, 2024, September 13, 2024, and November 15, 2024. The meetings will be held at Masonicare Ashlar Village in Wallingford.

**Meeting Adjourned**