**CONNECTICUT CONTINUING CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held Via Microsoft Teams**

**November 19, 2021**

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**Attendance**

The following Committee members were present: Mag Morelli, Chair, Rich Wysocki, Jonathan Fink, Dolores Szyszko, Fred Langhoff, Jennifer Rannestad, Peggy Joyce, Andrew Nesi, William Thompson, Keith Robertson and Maureen Weaver

Guest presenter: Jenn Searles, Executive Director of Connie

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Morelli at 10:00 a.m. and the attendees were informed that the meeting was being recorded. The Committee members then introduced themselves and welcomed Dolores Szyszko, the newly appointed member who currently serves as President of ConnCCRA.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the September 24, 2021 meeting were approved with the corrected spelling of Ms. Szyszko’s name.

**Presentation**

Ms. Searles presented on the state’s new health information exchange (HIE) which is named Connie. She was invited to present at the request of committee members who had questions regarding the operations of the new HIE. She answered several questions during her presentation and she will be sharing her slides with the committee.

**Department of Social Services Comments**

Mr. Wysocki had no report.

**Around the Table Updates**

Ms. Weaver presented an overview of the recent state and federal vaccination mandates imposed on health care staff.

Ms. Rannestad reported on the impact of inflation on the CCRC annual budgeting process. She also reported favorably on the availability of boosters.

Ms. Joyce reported that her life plan community is facing similar issues as those reported by Ms. Rannestad.

Ms. Szyszko spoke of the workforce issues facing her life plan community, which are indicative of the state workforce shortages.

Ms. Morelli reported on two recent reports of interest. One was a report from the Office of Legislative Research on Long Term Care Insurance dated October 27, 2021 and the other was a Performance Audit from the State Auditors of Public Accounts regarding the Oversight of Connecticut’s Assisted Living Facilities. Ms. Morelli informed the committee members that she would keep them informed on any legislative or regulatory action that may occur as a result of the reports.

**Comments from the Public**

There were no additional comments from the public.

**Next Meeting Date**

The meeting dates were set for 2022 and they will March 18, June 17, September 23, November 18. The first meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams.

**Adjournment**

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