**CONNECTICUT CONTINUING CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

**November 20, 2020**

**Attendance**

The following members were present: Rich Wysocki, Mag Morelli, Maureen Weaver, John Johl, Jennifer Rannestad, Jonathan Fink, Fred Langhoff, William Thompson and Jon Paul Venoit.

Several members of the public were also in attendance.

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. She then welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet. The committee had not met since November 22, 2019 due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the November 22, 2019 meeting were approved.

**Department of Social Services Comments**

Mr. Wysocki reported that there have been no major issues in the Continuing Care Retirement Community sector since the last meeting and that the Department is not planning to propose any legislation related to continuing care facilities in 2021.

Mr. Wysocki then informed the committee that the Commissioner has appointed Peggy Joyce, a registered nurse, licensed administrator and the Vice President of Clinical Services at Whitney Center, to the committee to fill the vacancy reserved for a person with expertise in health care delivery across the continuum.

**Around the Table Updates**

Ms. Rannestad reported on the experience of the pandemic. She raised a concern about the need to address the multifaceted impact it has had on residents, families and caregivers.

Mr. Fink addressed the financial impact of the pandemic and the assistance provided thus far by the state and federal government.

Mr. Langhoff reported that he surveyed the other CCRC residents on their campus about the response to the pandemic. He found that CCRCs across the state are doing similar things and that strong communication with residents has worked well.

Mr. Johl reported that ConnCCRA has not met throughout the pandemic.

**Comments from the Public**

Comments from the public were received.

**Meeting Dates for 2021**

The following meeting dates for 2021 were established: March 19, June 11, September 24, November 19. The meetings will be held virtually until such time as it is safe to meet in person.

**Adjournment**

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