**CONNECTICUT CONTINUING CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

**September 29, 2023**

**Attendance**

The following committee members were present: David Dettore of DSS sitting in for Rich Wysocki, Jonathan Fink, Fred Langhoff, Dolores Szyszko, Andrew Nesi, William Thompson, Kathleen Dess, Peggy Joyce, Renee Bernasconi, and Jon Paul Venoit.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Morelli and the meeting recording was started by Mr. Dettore. Ms. Morelli explained that this was a rescheduled meeting and that is why it was being held virtually. The committee members and the attending public then introduced themselves.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the June 16, 2023 meeting were approved.

**Update on the Consumer Handbook**

Rev. Szyszko had not yet joined the meeting and therefore Ms. Morelli provided an update on the status of the consumer guide developed by members of ConnCCRA and entitled, “Is a Connecticut Continuing Care Retirement Community Right for You?” A scanned copy of the competed guide was sent out to the committee prior to the meeting and there was one suggested edit sent in and copied to Gail Janensch, the editor of the publication.

**Correspondence from Seabury Environmental Action Community**

Ms. Morelli informed the committee of a correspondence she received from the Seabury Resident’s Association Environmental Action Committee. The Seabury committee is interested in talking with other similar resident committees within the Connecticut CCRC network.

**Around the Table Updates**

Rev. Szyszko reported that there will be a new ConnCCRA president elected in October. The ConnCCRA president has traditionally held a seat on this advisory committee and Rev. Szyszko said that she will inform the chair of who ConnCCRA would like to represent them once it is determined and the chair will in turn inform the Commissioner of that request.

Ms. Dess reported that her community has been working on a diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) initiative and has established a committee with both resident and staff representation. She asked for advice from other communities that have established such initiatives on how to advance this work and a discussion ensued.

Ms. Bernasconi provided an update on the continuing care at home experience nationwide. She reported that while across the country five additional at home programs were recently started, five others have paused their marketing activity. There was no particular reason given for this activity and she reported that the Seabury program om Connecticut continues to thrive.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Comments from the Public**

The committee was informed to be careful opening emails from committee members as one member’s account was recently corrupted and spam emails were being sent out regarding a gift card scam.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date will be November 17, 2023 at Masonicare Ashlar Village in Wallingford and Ruth Mitman has been invited to speak on the subject of caring for family caregivers.

**Meeting Adjourned**