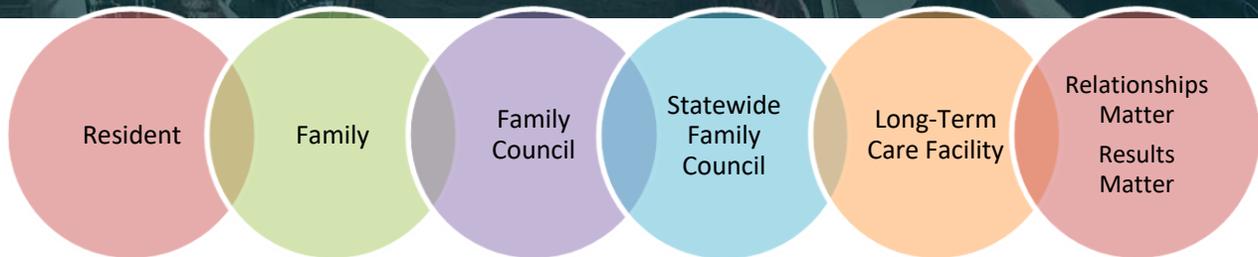


# Connecticut Statewide Family Council



## MINUTES

**TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023**

A Meeting of the CT State Family Council (CTSWFC) was held on July 25, 2023, via Zoom.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chair, Amy Badini and all in attendance were welcomed

**ROLL CALL:** Amy Badini Chair, Rick Kaeser Vice-Chair, Kathleen Gerard, Liz Stern, Andrea Elliott

**Motion to approve Minutes for May 23, 2023 – Rick. Second – Amy. Motion passed.**

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resident Care Facilities – Discussion on whether or not resident communities outside of the LTC/ nursing homes, such as Masonic Care, are within the scope of CTSWFC.
2. Amy to ask Mairead to send out a ‘fax blast’ again, asking for the names and contact information of existing Family Councils.
  - a. SWFC to create Excel with existing FC information including contacts
3. Planning 2023-24 Monthly Agenda and Speakers – List of potential topics and speakers for future monthly meeting was reviewed and discussed. Amy agreed to identify a social Worker for August on the topic, ‘the role of social workers in long term care facilities. Mairead Painter has agreed to meeting with us in September on the topic, ‘2023 legislative results and 2024 legislative priorities. Rick will update the working list.
  - a. Possible topics included Engaging and Enriching Activities Dept., How to Navigate End of Life Care, and Medicaid Evictions, How to Prepare for your Care Plan Meeting
  - b. Discussion included how to better utilize our mailing list to keep members engaged.  
Update on state issues, attach national webinar information, etc.
4. Regional Ombudsman meetings with Resident Associates – we have been provided with contact information of 3 RO-RA meetings.

## CONNECTICUT STATEWIDE FAMILY COUNCIL

- a. Rick gave an update on one meeting attended last week. Our Flyer was updated to include our email, that will make it easier for interested family members to get info on our meetings. Rick made the change and Amy & Robin have reviewed it. Rick sent to the RO for distribution to RAs, who agreed at the meeting to post it in their LTC facilities and provide to interested family members. 2 of the LTC facilities represented at the meeting have family councils
- b. Amy asked if we have a list of LTC facilities with family councils.
5. Kathleen provided a link to monthly ½ hour webinars held by the Long-Term Care Community Coalition (LTCCC). We are encouraged to attend these informational sessions. Link to the website: <https://nursinghome411.org/about/>.
6. Amy led discussion to develop a survey to people on our mailing list to get input on likes and needs. The intent is to improve the value of our meetings and increase attendance. Liz took notes and will send out a draft for further review and development.
7. Link to Mairead Painter's podcasts, 'Your Care, Your rights, Your Voice', was provided: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/your-care-your-rights-your-voice/id1590905890>.
8. Rick to make e-introduction between Andrea and Mary.

**Motion to adjourn** by Rick. **Second** - Liz

Adjourned at 8:08 pm.

**Next meeting will be August 22, 2023 at 7pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kaeser, Vice Chair