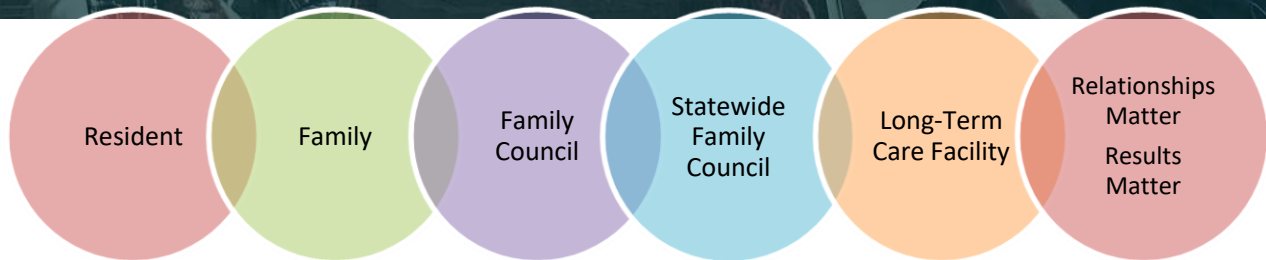


Connecticut Statewide Family Council



MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023

A Meeting of the CT State Family Council (CTSWFC) was held on August 22, 2023, via Zoom.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Vice-Chair, Rick Kaeser and all in attendance were welcomed

ROLL CALL: Rick Kaeser Vice-Chair, Robin DeLieto Recording Secretary, Kathleen Gerard, Irma Rappaport, Eileen Shapiro, Amy Badini Chair (post Roll Call)

Motion to approve Minutes for July 25, 2023 – Robin. Second – Rick. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open Forum

The group shared relevant information. New Poster for Family Council (repurposed to CT) is posted on website.

Public Hearing on Safe Staffing in Nursing Homes was held on July 13th by National Consumer Voice. Public Hearing for Minimum Staffing Levels in Nursing Homes by CT Dept Public Health was held on August 1.

Subsequent to the CT Law which went in effect in July, a survey is being developed by UCONN for the Dept of Public Health. Survey, titled 'CORE Q' will gather feedback from Residents and Families regarding the quality of care.

Member shared link and information on upcoming Gray Panther Zoom on Tuesday, Aug. 29th at 2pm. Member also recently emailed all the Health Assistants Nationwide to gain support for the Essential Caregivers Act.

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RI is opposed to minimum staffing requirements. RI Ombudsman's Office paid for a ZOOM acct. Member is forming a RISWFC.

Amy Badini – Topic – Quality Based Reimbursement

The more acute the care, the higher the pay. State of CT wants a quality-based reimbursement. CORE Q Survey being developed. The CTSWFC has been invited to a meeting on Aug 24 to discuss the survey questions.

CORE Q Questionnaire – Interviews with over 8000 Family and Residents.

Phase 1- In person interviews. 1-5 scoring. CT Dept of Social Service has survey broken down to 3 categories; Short Stay, Long Stay Resident, Long Stay Family.

Phase 2 – May add more quantitative questions.

We have been invited to a meeting with DSS on Aug 24 to discuss CORE Q.

OLD BUSINESS

Mairead to send out Fact Blast. Regional Ombudsman Meetings – Rick attended 2 of their meetings.

As discussed at the July meeting, Amy & Rick are working on a survey for the members to complete for what would encourage their attendance. Also, who would like to remain on the email distribution and who would like to be removed. Goal is to have 15 or more members so we can have a voice with actions.

Next years schedule is being looked at and July/August seem to be very busy months for most members so no meetings will be scheduled. Mairead will be scheduled 4Xs a year. Also, some months we can send out some of Mairead's podcasts in lieu of a meeting.

Will need 4 more topics throughout the year. Potential topics: Enriched Activity Program, End of Life, Medicare/Medicaid, Arlene Lugo – Shopping for the Holidays, How to prepare ongoing logs, State Star Rating System.

Care Plan Meeting Guide – Good information but too much. Perhaps a simple checklist would be easy to take with. Ask for a copy the Case notes/meds every time. Make a 5x7 index card (Care Care) with the preferences.

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

Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting will be Sept 26, 2023 at 7pm with Mairead Painter – CT State Ombudsman. Agenda attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin DeLieto, Recording Secretary