

Connecticut Statewide Family Council



WORKSHOP NOTES - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

A Meeting of the CT State Family Council (CTSFC) was held on September 27, 2022, via Zoom.

PRESENT, Amy Badini Co-Chair, Rick (Frederick) Kaeser Vice Chair, Tom Canellakis

At 7:05 pm, those present agreed that a Quorum was not present to call this Meeting to order. Those in attendance continued to meet as a workshop and not a formal meeting.

Issues discussed are as follows:

1. Cynthia Hadden Co-Chair, has resigned for personal reasons. Amy will be taking over as Chair.
2. Stronger language is needed in legislation to facilitate the formation of Family Councils. There should be a requirement for LTC facilities to at least show effort to have a Family Council.
3. Amy will be attending the Training Program sponsored by AARP on October 8.
4. We discussed the need to identify other groups to help Family Councils advocate for family members.
5. How to form a Family Council. This was discussed at length.
 - a. Rick discussed that presentation materials from the VOICES conference, on Sept 16, included template for how to form Resident Councils and run Resident Council meetings could be adapted for Family Council.
 - b. Rick agreed to contact the Ombudsman's office for a copy of the presentations and a list of attendees with contact information.
 - c. We discussed a step-by-step guide to form a Family Council
 - d. Rick agrees to contact Val about Family Council for our LTC facility.
6. Rick reviewed his notes and impressions from the VOICES Conference, Sept 16.
7. We discussed having a rep from the Ombudsman's office at our meetings on a Quarterly basis. October's meeting would be the next one.
8. We agreed to meet in advance of the next scheduled meeting.
9. Next meeting: October 25 @ 7pm. Topic: Review our ideas for a step-by-step guide for forming a Family Council with a rep from the Ombudsman's office

Submitted by,

Rick (Frederick) Kaeser