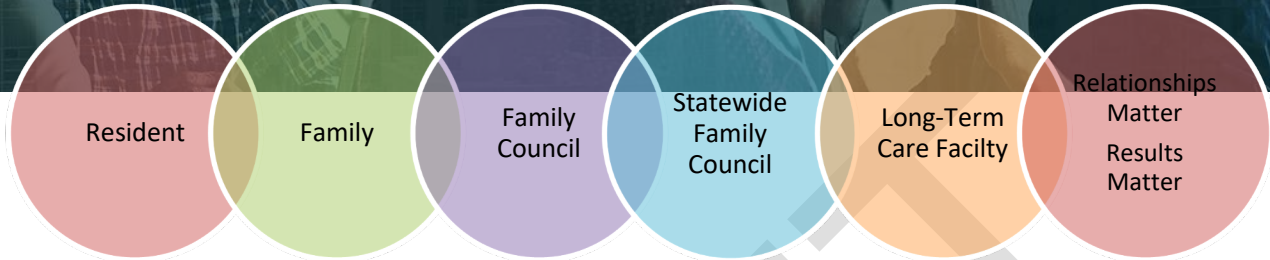


Connecticut Statewide Family Council



MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

A Meeting of the CT State Family Council was held on January 25, 2022, via Zoom.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Co-Chair, Cynthia Hadden

PRESENT

Cynthia Hadden, Co-Chair, Amy Badini, Co-Chair, Robert Amatuli, Ellen Casey, Josephine Chang, Robin DeLieto, Jenine Ferrari, Dave Fontaine, M. Gumkowski, Lisa Harrington, Frederick Kaeser, C. McGuire, Amy Pauling, and L. Zablonki,

Co-Chairs, Cynthia Hadden and Amy Badini opened the meeting welcoming all in attendance and shared their appreciation for their interest in the Connecticut State Family Council (CTSFC). Cynthia stated that the goal of the CTSFC is to assist Local Family Councils (LTFC) in Connecticut by providing guidance, educational opportunities and advocacy assistance.

Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and share their interest in attending the meeting.

Cynthia shared that the agenda is to review the draft of the CTSFC Bylaws which includes, Vision and Mission, Committee Goals, Meeting Schedule, and Membership. Cynthia mentioned that she would like to send the draft to attendees. Please email Cynthia or Amy to be added to the distribution list if you have not yet done so.

Cynthia and Amy provided an overview of the Mission and Vision and Goals of the Council, Amy shared information on the Federal Essential Caregivers Act ([H.R. 3733](#)) which is a bipartisan legislation that gives residents of nursing homes the right to access essential caregivers (ECs) during any public health emergency.

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An essential caregiver is a person, designated by the resident, who can enter the facility, even when visitation is shut down during a public health emergency, to provide support, assistance, and companionship to the resident. Very often, this person is a family member. In addition, she shared that CT also has Public Act No. [21-71](#). Previously H.B 6634 - An Act Concerning Essential Support Persons (ESP) and a Visitation Policy for Residents of Long-term Care Facilities which was approved June 24, 2021 but the language has not yet been written.

Attendees were encouraged to contact their Congressman to ask them to support the Essential Caregivers Act ([H.R.3733](#)) as Connecticut is waiting on legal review to make sure our ESP has no gaps. Public Act No [21-71](#)

The agenda and minutes will be sent to those who have provided their email and will also be posted on the Long-Term Care Ombudsman website, <https://portal.ct.gov/LTCOP/State-Wide-Family-Council>

If anyone would like to add a topic for the next agenda, please email Co-Chairs at least 7-10 days prior to the next meeting.

Meeting Schedule: The CTSFC will meet monthly for the next two meetings; Tuesday, February 22nd at 7:30 pm and March 29th, time to be determined.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:40 pm.

Cynthia Hadden, Co-Chair