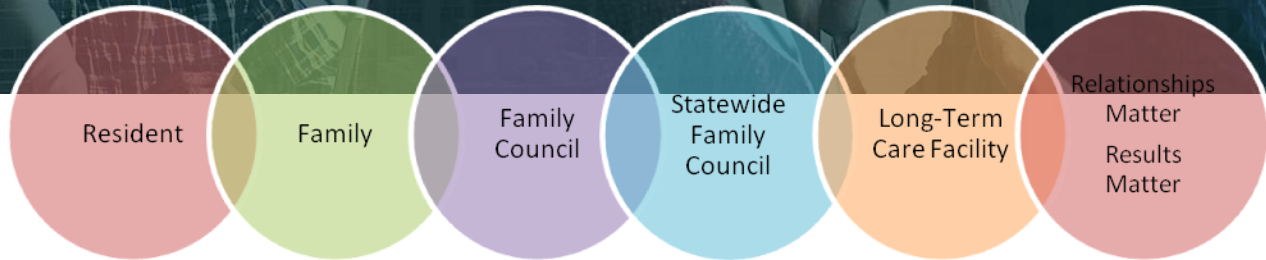


Connecticut Statewide Family Council



MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022

A Meeting of the CT State Family Council (CTSFC) was held on October 25, 2022, via Zoom.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by Co-Chair, Amy Badini

Co-Chair, Amy Badini called the meeting to order.

PRESENT Amy Badini Co-Chair, Rick (Frederick) Kaeser Co Chair, Robin DeLieto
Recording Secretary, Eileen Shapiro, Liz Stern

Motion to Accept the Minutes of August 23, 2022: Rick. **Second** Liz.. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

Rick - Reviewed notes from September 27, 2022 workshop. Only 3 members in attendance. Need more Family Councils (FC). We need to know who they are and where located so we can all network. Guidance on forming a FC.

Amy - Regional Ombudsman (RO) - have a checklist when going into facilities. Look for contacts for local FC.

A member mentioned that they will attend "Nursing Home Group" meeting on Dec 8th at the State Legislative building. It is a forum for a "State of the Union". Legislation needs to be strengthened. To ask in next Legislative meeting to have all Welcome packages include not only flyers on Essential Support Persons (ESP) along with FC information. Should be clear Postings at facilities. Focus on transparency and staffing. CTSFC needs 15 members to have a voice of our own.

Amy - We need a champion. What should be our expectations on how the Ombudsman's office can help and support FCs?

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Question/Comment - Why is our attendance low? Last "meeting" had only 3 in attendance and tonight was only 5 members. Their local FC has 3 members out of 46 beds filled.

Robin - Draw higher attendance by scheduling speakers that can add value to meetings. I have maintained a spreadsheet with all members and facility their love one is at. Will remove Cynthia Hadden (resigned Co-Chair) and Valerie Gilberti since both lost their loved ones.

Amy - They can still be members of the Statewide just not Local FC due to HIPPA. Don't remove.

Robin - Will indicate loved one passed and keep on spreadsheet with no Local represented by them.

Amy - Discussion on frequency for meetings. Mentioned quarterly meetings after the first of the year but that may be too far apart. May lose momentum.

Rick - Maybe every other month so there is enough time to prepare quality content. Member come to learn more to help their loved ones. Communication with issues or concerns in between meetings through emails. Everyone should feel free to email the Co-Chairs anytime.

A member relayed that Dec 8th meeting involves multi stakeholders, Legal Aid, Staffing, Residents, etc.

Rick - Invited with open arms. Represent FC and issues. Have a venue to bring current issues to Legislative Floor.

Amy - Will contact Ombudsman, Mairead Painter for a new date to meet during business hours for November. All members that can attend are welcome. Need a new contact to work with RO Daniel Beem to post Minutes and Agendas on State Ombudsman's website. Cynthia was doing this prior to resigning. Rick & Amy said it should be the Secretary's job. Robin agreed to try but will need Agendas early to have posted.

Next meeting with Ombudsman, Mairead Painter time and day **TBD** and members notified in advance. **December meeting moved up to December 20, 2022 at 7pm .**

Motion to Adjourn Amy. **Second** - Rick

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin DeLieto, Recording Secretary