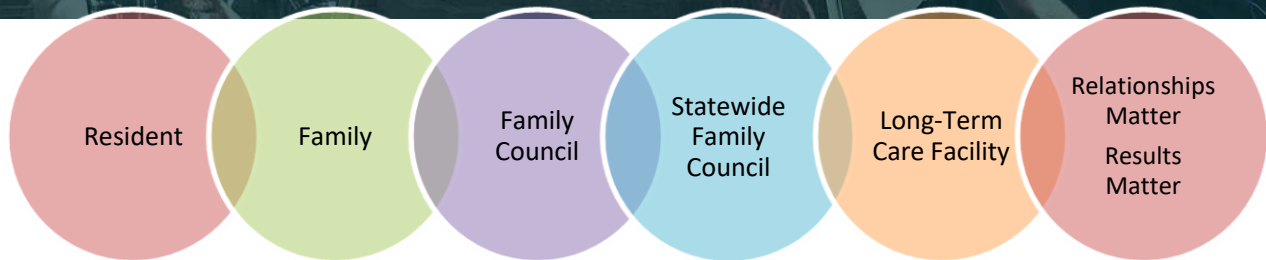


# Connecticut Statewide Family Council



## MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

A Meeting of the CT State Family Council (CTSFC) was held on February 28, 2023, via Zoom.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair, Amy Badini and all in attendance were welcomed

**ROLL CALL:** Amy Badini Chair, Rick (Frederic) Kaeser Vice-Chair, Liz Stern, Ayesha Clarke (Health Equity Solutions), Emily Bohmbach (Health Equity Solutions), Richard Metayer, Debra Ellis, Eileen Shipiro, Jeanette Sullivan-Martinez, Diane Demain, Sue Hostnik – Social Worker Pendleton Mystic, Paul Scholtes, Kathleen Gerard, Mara Karpel, Irma Rappaport, Sallie Pinkney, Katie Heidere, Elisabeth Quigley, Frances Arscott, phone-Tricia, phone – Suzanne, Carol Lindstrum

**Motion to approve Minutes for January 24, 2023 – Amy. Second – Liz. Motion passed by those present.**

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Introduction of new members:** Mara Karpel – Essential Support Person at Bridgeport Jewish Social Services, Jeanette Sullivan-Martinez – Pendleton, Mystic, Debra Ellis, Irma Rappaport, Sallie Pinkney, Katie Heidere, Elisabeth Quigely, Frances Arscott, Paul Scholtes

**February Guest Speaker (Ayesha Clarke, Health Equity Solutions (HES), consulting for Dept of Social Services (DSS)**

**Topic: Focus Group Session:** Ayesha of HES conducted a focus group by asking a series of questions related to the needs and concerns of nursing home residents. This session was recorded'. HES is contracted

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by DSS on a ‘community engagement strategy project’. This project is related to Husky Health patient-centered care. Phase 1 concerns method of payment based on needs. Phase 2 concerns quality of care levels. This focus group session is one of several being conducted by HES. They are scheduled to report back at our April meeting to review preliminary results with us.

## **Open Forum**

After the focus group session was completed, there was discussion that the questions asked were not consistent with the conversation we had with Philip Essienyi (DSS fellow) on Jan 27 and with information in the brochure, ‘Engaging Nursing Home Residents on Payment Reform’. Amy agreed to get back with Philip to let him know of our concerns.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Rick mentioned that we have a new logo, developed with and approved by the LTC Ombudsman’s Office.
2. Amy mentioned that we completed 2 fliers for inclusion in LTC admissions packages: 1- Essential Support Person, and 2-Family Councils
3. Liz mentioned that she provided testimony at the Human Services and Aging Committee, Joint Public Hearing on Feb 16, to support HB 6627, HB6386 and SB 989.

**Next meeting will be March 28, 2023 at 7pm**

**Motion to Adjourn Amy. Second – Liz. Motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Badini – Chair, Rick Kaeser- Vice Chair