



CEJC Coordinating Council Meeting Notes

4/3/2024

10:00 AM -11:30 AM

In attendance: Erin Smith, Nora Ducan, Laura Snow Robinson, Alison Dvorak, Mairead Painter, Kathleen Titsworth, Nancy Becker, Mike Marton, Laura Stauning, Dorian Long, Nancy Becker, Joann Peterson.

Group Discussion:

The meeting commenced with a deliberation on the merits and demerits of maintaining the coalition's status as a public agency versus transitioning to a private organization.

- Remaining Public: The Coalition is obligated to adhere to FOI regulations and maintain a certain level of formality.
- Whether public or private, a charter will remain applicable.
- Regardless of status, a private representative is required to chair/co-chair the coordinating council. Currently, both positions are held by individuals from the state agency.
- Chair and co-chair positions will serve a 2-year term.
- Funding: State funds come with stricter policies and restrictions.
- Private funding offers more flexibility and numerous funding opportunities.
- If the Coalition transitions to a private organization, members will assume the leading role in organizing meetings, setting agendas, recording minutes, and serving as the overall point of contact.
- Currently, these responsibilities fall to the state.
- In the past, there was discussion about becoming a non-profit entity, but this discussion halted post-COVID.
- Establishing non-profit status is a complex process, and members are not currently pursuing it.
- As a public agency, by-laws and a charter must be established.
- These documents will be sent to members for review and discussed at the next meeting.
- The charter will be periodically amended to accommodate evolving needs and objectives.
- Governor Dan Malloy acknowledges the Coalition.

Feedback from Members:

- Members are comfortable with FOI requirements and agree with the 2-year service term.
- Further clarification is needed on the Coalition's role: Will it primarily focus on education or assume a more policy-oriented structure?
- For an official vote on chair and co-chair positions, all council members must be present.
- Present members elected to maintain public agency status.
- All members must be present for official voting.



Upcoming Events:

- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: June 14, 2024. AARP will handle registration. Set-up begins at 12 pm, open to the public from 1-4 pm. Twelve tables are available; current sign-ups include:
 - State Unit
 - Senior Resources Agency on Aging
 - DTP
 - Community Care
 - Elder Abuse Prevention Programs (AAAs)
 - Flyers will be distributed to the public, AAAs, and other relevant organizations such as DV shelters.
- IAFCI Conference: May 8th & 9th @ Mohegan Sun. SUA will split the cost for registration, and Allison Dorark will receive complimentary registration. All materials should be provided to Kathleen and Cindy for setup.

Overview:

- The Coalition for Elder Justice Website 2023 Impact Summary report was shared with the team before the meeting. It provides insights into website visits and specific clicks, particularly on "how to report abuse." Members are reminded to send all advertising materials to Susan Morales for website publication.
- The FBI shot an introductory PSA featuring the FBI SAC, the US Attorney, and the Colonel for the state police. It emphasizes the threat posed by international scams, showcases the partnership between federal and state agencies, and lays the groundwork for future PSAs.