

# **CONNECTICUT CONTINUING CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **Minutes of the Meeting Held at Masonicare at Ashlar Village April 25, 2025**

### **Attendance**

The following appointed committee members were present: Mag Morelli, Rich Wysocki, Jonathan Fink, Renee Bernasconi, Maureen Weaver, Fred Langhoff, Kathleen Dess, William Thompson and Andrew Nesi

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Morelli.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the November 15, 2024 meeting were approved.

### **Committee Membership Update**

Ms. Morelli reported that both Peggy Joyce and Dolores Szyszko have resigned from their positions on the committee. The sitting committee members expressed their appreciation for both former members' service and wished them well. It was decided that at the next meeting the committee will discuss potential nominees to recommend to the commissioner for appointment to fill the two vacancies.

### **DSS Update**

Mr. Wysocki informed the committee that all disclosure statements received through February of this year were now posted on the DSS website.

### **Impact of LTC Insurance Premium Trends**

This topic was placed on the agenda by the resident representatives and it garnered a lively discussion regarding the impact of dramatic premium increases on the residents of the communities. The providers discussed how they assist residents in reviewing their policies.

### **Around the Table Updates**

The following topics were raised and discussed:

- An update of the current state and federal legislative and administrative actions was provided and discussed.
- The status of dignity in dying state statutes around the country was discussed. Connecticut's medical orders for life sustaining treatment (MOLST) program was then reviewed.
- An update was provided regarding the trends in the CCRC at Home programs.
- The equity model retirement communities, such as the Margaritaville Communities, was discussed.

- Several members raised the concerns they are hearing from many residents regarding the current economic situation in the country. Concerns about the impact of tariffs on the future costs of both operations and development were also raised.
- A pressing concern about the end of the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designations for Venezuela and Haiti immigration programs was raised as it will mean the loss of valued employees in many communities.
- Workforce shortages in general were discussed and the popularity of scholarship programs amongst employees was discussed.
- Provider members reported on the rising cost of insurance for the communities, stating that it has become difficult to find property and casualty coverage in certain areas of the state.
- It was reported that the newest CCRC, Mozaic Concierge, closed on their financing in early April. This led to a discussion of the importance of tax-exempt bonds for the financing of non-profit development.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Comments from the Public**

The committee engaged the public throughout the meeting.

### **Next Meeting Dates**

The next meeting dates will be June 13, 2025, September 19, 2025, and November 14, 2025. The meetings will be held at Masonicare Ashlar Village in Wallingford.

### **Meeting Adjourned**