

Meeting Minutes from Illinois Senior Residents' Advisory Council Meeting 7/25/2023

Tuesday, July 25th, 2023

3:00pm-4:30pm

Via WebEx

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of 1/24/2023 meeting minutes
4. Mandatory Trainings
5. Council Work
6. Public Comment Period
7. Closing- Summary and Next Steps

Attendance: Alice Quinlan- Member, Rhonda Jacobs- Member, Julie Lewis – Member, William Wilson – Member, Jennifer Epstein- IDPH, Dilane Knights – Member, Margie Logman – Member, Gail Schechter – H. O. M. E, Michael Wieszorek – IHDA, Raquel Garcia – IHDA, Nicki Pecori Fioretti – IHDA, Marlene Corral – IHDA, Jasmine Rubio – State Representative Avelar, Katrina Smith – Member, Paula Basta- IDoA, Selma D'souza – IDoA, Iris Schweier- IDoA, Glenda Corbett – IDoA, Becky Dragoo – IDoA, Benetta Davies – IDoA, Pamela Martinez-Ruiz – IDoA, Cynthia Mester – HFS

Minutes

Roll Call - Alice Quinlan- Member, Rhonda Jacobs- Member, Julie Lewis – Member, William Wilson – Member, Jennifer Epstein- IDPH, Dilane Knights – Member, Margie Logman – Member, Gail Schechter – H. O. M. E, Michael Wieszorek – IHDA, Raquel Garcia – IHDA, Nicki Pecori Fioretti – IHDA, Marlene Corral – IHDA, Jasmine Rubio – State Representative Avelar, Paula Basta- IDoA, Selma D'souza – IDoA, Iris Schweier- IDoA, Glenda Corbett – IDoA, Becky Dragoo – IDoA, Benetta Davies – IDoA, Pamela Martinez-Ruiz – IDoA, Cynthia Mester

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – William Wilson, Council Member and participants
2. **Approval of 4/26/2023 Meeting Minutes** – Motion to approve 4/26/2023 meeting minutes, motion carried.
3. **New Council Member** – Welcome to new Council Member, Leo Davis – Southern Illinois Aging Advocate.
4. **Mandatory Trainings** – Glenda Corbett went over the mandatory trainings. Pamela sent out an email with information on how to access the trainings. Paper Version - DEIA Training was announced to be shared with the Council Members to help address some of the technical issues accessing the training website.

5. **Guest Speakers:** Gail Schechter was introduced by Glenda Corbett and Gail presented regarding the organization H. O. M. E (Housing Opportunities & Maintenance for the Elderly) mission, and their home repair, moving, and shopping programs. Gail also introduced the Fix Our Homes Campaign partnership with DePaul University. Information regarding upcoming meetings for the campaign will be shared with the Council. Guest Speakers Michael Wieczoreck and Raquel Garcia from IHDA were introduced by Glenda Corbett. Raquel presented the HAFHR (Homeowner Assistance Fund Home Repair Program), funding entities that help homeowners make repairs. Michael presented the Home Repair and Accessibility Program (HRAP), intended to help low-income, disabled, mobility impaired persons and seniors remain at their home.
6. **State Fair Representation** – A reminder regarding the opportunity to attend the State Fair in Springfield and represent the Council was made by Glenda Corbett.
7. **Web Page Bios** – Bios for each of Council's Members are still needed. Bios will be included in the Council's webpage. The bios should include a short description of the Council Member, what they hope for the Council and a photo.
8. **Meeting was opened for Public Discussion and Questions.**
9. **Next meeting was announced for October 24th, 2023 @ 3pm virtually.**
10. **Meeting Adjourned.**