

Commonwealth Council on Aging
Legislative Committee
April 9, 2014, 9:00am-10:00am
Virginia Division for the Aging Conference Room
DARS, 1610 Forest Avenue, Suite 100, Henrico, Virginia

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Brenda Kelley-Nelum
Joni Goldwasser

Members Absent

Kyle Allen, D.O.
Juanita Bailey
Pete Geisen
Carter Harrison
Stephen Reardon
Kathryn Reid

Brenda Kelley-Nelum, *Chair*, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. A quorum not being present, the approval of the minutes was postponed until the next meeting. Ms. Kelley-Nelum introduced David DeBiasi, RN of AARP. Mr. DeBiasi provided a handout and discussed the draft of proposed legislation, the CARE Act. The draft describes the Caregiver Advise, Record and Enable (CARE) Act as a bill to require a medical hospital “to allow a patient an opportunity to designate, upon entry to a hospital, a caregiver in the patient’s medical record; to require a hospital to notify and meet with the designated caregiver along with the patient to discuss the patient’s plan of care prior to the patient’s discharge or transfer to another facility; to require a hospital to instruct the designated caregiver in certain after-care tasks upon a patient’s discharge to his or her current residence.” Members present discussed the CARE Act and determined to invite Mr. DeBiasi back to a future meeting. Ms. Marschean reviewed the status of Council 2013 legislative recommendations and the members reviewed and discussed information provided previously by Dr. Allen on one of those recommendations, elder-safe emergency departments. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.