

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

**CRVCEO MEETING OF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2004**

**Time Out Restaurant  
Route 17  
Durham, CT**

**12:00 noon**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes of meeting of August '04
3. Legislative updates
  - a. State Senators
  - b. State Representatives
  - c. Congressman Rob Simmons
4. Old Business
5. Committee reports
  - a. ACIR
  - b. Workforce Alliance
  - c. Legislative
6. New Business
  - a. Results of meeting of September 23<sup>rd</sup>-Regional Emergency Preparedness Summit.
  - b. Other
  - c. Adjournment until October 28, 2004 @ Chester

## **Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials September 24, 2004**

**Attendance: Please see attached list**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Denvir at 12:05 PM in the Time Out Restaurant on Route 17 in Durham.
  
- II. **Minutes**  
Tony Palermo moved that the minutes of the August 8 meeting be approved as distributed. The motion was seconded by Stan Terry and approved. Jim McCusker, Tim Griswold and Maryann Boord abstained from voting.
  
- III. **Old Business**  
There was no Old Business
  
- IV. **Committees**
  - A. **ACIR**  
There was no ACIR report.
  - B. **Workforce Alliance**  
Chairman Denvir noted that at the August meeting he, Tony Palermo and Tim Griswold had been re-appointed to serve as delegates to the Workforce Alliance. It has come to his attention that the previous delegates were David Denvir, Tony Palermo and Charles Augur. Chairman Denvir moved that the "re-appointment" of Tim Griswold be rescinded and that Charles Augur be re-appointed to represent the CRVCEO on the Workforce Alliance. The motion was seconded by Tony Palermo and unanimously approved.  
Chairman Denvir reported that the Workforce Alliance has 49 members and finds it difficult to achieve a quorum. The staff seems to be performing well. 23% of the new jobs were filled by New Haven residents. 77% were filled by people from the surrounding communities. Of those between ages 16 to 21, 40% of those served are from the Old Mid-CT Region. The Workforce Alliance has been awarded two extra rounds of Federal Grant money which is a reward for having exceeded the targets set for the region.  
Senator Daley asked for a town by town breakdown of the 77%.
  - C. **Legislative Committee**  
Martin Heft reported that he and Maryann Boord had attended the Legislative sub-committee meeting of CCM. He circulated packets containing the legislative goals of both CCM and COST.  
Chairman Denvir commented that it is encouraging that the new Governor had sent Brenda Cisco to serve as her liaison with both groups.

#### D. Probate Courts

Chairman Denvir distributed copies of a resolution passed by SECOG in support of retaining local Probate Courts. He noted that Chief Justice Lawlor will announce on October 1 how the courts should be consolidated.

Senator Daley commented that it is hard to get straight answers from Judge Lawlor. It is a turf issue.

Tony Palermo moved that CRVCEO endorse the resolution approved by SECOG. The motion was seconded by Charlie Augur.

Phil Miller stated that he would prefer a resolution that included reasons.

Tony Palermo suggested that if the SECOG resolution was read, the reasons included might be noted.

Senator Daley mentioned that multiple endorsements of the same resolution tended to have a greater impact on legislators. She noted that individuals are always welcome to send their own letters with as many reasons as they care to include.

Linda Krause stated that she had discussed the matter with Mike Pace, and he was in favor of retaining local Probate Courts.

Tim Griswold asked if more information could be secured about the finances including pensions and health insurance.

Eileen Daly assured him that the information is not obtainable. She added that she has talked to the Comptroller. She is willing to accept the Probate Judges as participants in the State health insurance program.

Chairman Denvir offered an amendment to the proposed resolution. He moved that all references to SECOG be replaced with CRVCEO and all references to 20 municipalities be replaced with 17. The amendment was seconded by Tony Palermo and unanimously approved.

The motion, as amended, was unanimously approved.

#### **V. New Business**

##### A. Regional Preparedness

Chairman Denvir asked Linda Krause, Joel Severance, and Patrolman Mike Spera to report on the Regional Preparedness Summit meeting for Emergency Planning Region Nine that was held Thursday evening in Old Saybrook.

Joel reported that all but two towns were represented. The region is working well together. There were three recommendations for follow-up sessions:

A Regional Working Group, a workshop on "Who's in Charge?"  
And a Special Needs Assessment.

Mike Spera brought thanks from Mike Pace who had suggested the meeting.

He noted that he thought that the meeting helped to improve internal community communications. He hopes to invite state leaders to the next quarterly meeting. Mr. Spera explained the need for a Citizen Corps. He explained that this should be composed of people who have skills to offer but are not up to the demands of serving as firemen or ambulance personnel. The Citizen Corps will organize on a regional basis so the towns will have access to each others resources. There will be about ten hours of training for volunteers.

Maryann Boord explained that in Durham, the Exchange Club provides this service.

Mike noted that the Exchange Club could be used as a model and the service could be built upon.

Senator Daley commented that the proposal is a matter of going back to "how we used to operate".

Linda Krause noted that after three years of confusion and false starts there now seems to be a better sense of focus. The organization is coming together. She is a lot more optimistic.

Joel Severance asked for motion to formally establish a Citizen Corps for Region Nine.

Tony Palermo moved that the CRVCEO formally recognize Region Nine Citizen Corps/CERT and authorize CRERPA to coordinate the process. The motion was seconded by James McCusker and unanimously approved.

B. EMS

Tony Palermo reported that the EMS report has been received and is being reviewed.

C. United Way

Chairman Denvir introduced Dick Shaw, retired President of the former Farmers and Mechanics Bank and Public Relations Director of Middlesex Hospital who spoke on behalf of the Middlesex United Way. He encouraged the use of payroll deductions.

E. October meeting.

The October meeting will be held in Chester at a place to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Palermo, Secretary