State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Department of Elderly Affairs

To: Interested Parties

From: Director Catherine Taylor

Re: Proposed *Rules and Regulations Governing the Long Term Care Ombudsperson Program*

Date: May 12, 2011

This memo serves to notify all interested parties in the community that the Department of Elderly Affairs has proposed Rules and Regulations Governing the Long Term Care Ombudsperson Program. The draft rules are posted on the Secretary of State's website under "Open Meetings" and under "Proposed Rules and Regulations" and on the DEA website: www.dea.ri.gov.

An informal community review of the proposed Rules and Regulations was held on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at the Arnold Conference Center, John Pastore Complex, Cranston, RI. Written and oral public comment was received by the Department at that time; ***there is an opportunity for additional written public comment to be submitted to DEA by May 27, 2011.***

All comments should be submitted to Rhonda Schwartz at rschwartz@dea.ri.gov **or** Rhonda Schwartz, DEA, 74 West Rd., Cranston, RI 02920 **or** faxed to the attention of Rhonda Schwartz at 462-0503 for receipt by DEA by the **Close of Business, May 27, 2011, 4:00 pm.**

In advance of the Administrative Procedures Act process for the proposed rules, please notify Rhonda Schwartz at rschwartz@dea.ri.gov if you would like to be included in an "interested parties" notification email group.

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