

2010 RIAFSA Membership

Nursing Homes

Ballou Home for the Aged
Jeanne Jugan Residence
John Clarke Retirement Center
Linn Health Care Center
Mount St. Rita
Saint Antoine Residence
Saint Elizabeth Home
Saint Elizabeth Manor
Scandinavian Home
St. Clare Home for the Aged
Steere House
Tockwotton Home

Assisted Living Residences

Ethan Place
Franciscan Missions of Mary
Jeanne Jugan Residence
Saint Elizabeth Court
Scandinavian Retirement Center
Tamarisk Assisted Living
The Seasons
The Villa at St. Antoine
Tockwotton Home
Winslow Gardens Assisted Living

Adult Day Health Services

Adult Day Center of Westerly
Alternative Adult Day Care
Alite Care
Celebrations Adult Day at Tamarisk
Cornerstone Adult Services
Forest Farm Adult Day Services
Homestead Group Adult Day Center
Hope Alzheimer's Center
Nancy Brayton Osborn Adult Day Center
The Willows Adult Day Services
To Life Adult Day Center

Senior Housing

John Clarke Retirement Center
Jeanne Jugan Residence
Peace Dale House
Saint Elizabeth Place
Shalom Housing 1
Shalom Housing 2
SWAP / 201 Thurbers
Winslow Gardens

Associate Members

Beacon Hospice
Cutler Associates
East Side Clinical Lab
Enduracare Therapy Mgt.
Enviro-Clean Inc.
Evercare
Harmony Healthcare International
Health Trac
Healthcare Services Group
Heritage Healthcare Services
Home & Hospice Care of RI
Home Instead Senior Care
HR Business Partners
Kasabian Construction
LarsonAllen, LLP
LGC&D
Mastors & Servant Risk Services
McKesson Medical-Surgical
MedOptions
Med Tech Ambulance Service
Mobilex USA
Odyssey Hospice
Omnicare
People First Rehab
Pharmerica
Quality Partners
Roush and Associates
Schuster Driscoll LLC
Sullivan and Co.
Sysco Boston
Triad Health Care LLC
UHF of New England



RIAFSA

Rhode Island Association of Facilities and Services
for the Aging

2010 Year in Review

Dear Colleagues,

RIAFSA is honored to represent our diverse membership of high quality providers, who help thousands of individuals and families every day receive the care they need in settings across the long term care spectrum. The year 2010 was another eventful year in long term care, with numerous policy, regulatory, and budgetary challenges facing our members at the state and national levels. In order to respond to these challenges, RIAFSA was an active and visible presence throughout the state advocating on behalf of the needs and interests of all of our members, and the older adults for whom they care.

On behalf of RIAFSA, we wish to thank all of our Providers and our Associate Members for their support and involvement. Please know that we remain committed to do our best to provide you with the advocacy, information, and other services to help you achieve your mission.

Enclosed are just some of the highlights of your state association's activities in 2010.

We would like to extend our best wishes in 2011 to you, your families, and your communities.

Sincerely

Kevin McKay
RIAFSA President

James Nyberg
RIAFSA Director

As the only trade association serving providers across the long term care spectrum, RIAFSA is committed to a balanced long-term care system comprised of high-quality care and services from strong, ethical providers. In order to fulfill this mission, we engaged in a variety of endeavors to support our members in these times of uncertainty.

Advocacy

During the 2010 General Assembly session, RIAFSA and its members, as well as the Mayforth Group, testified in dozens of committee hearings and met with key legislators and senior administration officials to highlight the issues and concerns of RIAFSA nursing homes, assisted living residences, senior housing, and adult day health centers. A coordinated media relations campaign by MK Talbot PR enhanced our advocacy efforts. Among the significant activities:

RIAFSA combated a flawed proposal to revise the nursing home payment methodology that would have negatively impacted the reimbursement and overall operations of nursing homes—either in the short term or long term. An interim acuity plan was eventually established that mitigated some of these effects, although the overall effect on reimbursement remains problematic. Given that, we will continue our efforts towards a new methodology that supports adequate staffing and preserves the quality of care our older adults deserve.

RIAFSA worked with DHS and its colleagues on a rate reform process for the Assisted Living Waiver program. These efforts helped secure a 16% rate increase, and work continues towards additional refinements to better reflect the resources needed to care for individuals.

RIAFSA vigorously responded to discussions to reduce days of service for individuals receiving adult day health services, helping to ensure that such a flawed concept was never introduced.

RIAFSA helped craft an innovative bill to promote “Green House” and small household models of nursing home care, which was enacted into law.

RIAFSA continues to advocate for a strong and balanced long term care system through its seat on the Global Waiver Task Force as well as being named to the Community Executive Council, which was created to help guide the agenda and activities of the Task Force.

RIAFSA continued to work on issues related to senior housing providers by chairing the Housing Work Group of the Task Force. It also advocated for restoration of funding for the Section 202 housing program with our congressional delegation, which had been slated for elimination in the federal budget. In addition, the RIAFSA Director joined the Board of the Housing Action Coalition of RI, which advocates for safe and affordable housing for all Rhode Islanders.

RIAFSA coordinated several trainings for DHS staff, other case managers, and The Point about the services and capacity of adult day care and to promote referrals.

RIAFSA also represented the interests of its members through its formal representation

on numerous boards, committees, and task forces. These include the Long Term Care Coordinating Council, the Global Medicaid Waiver Implementation Taskforce, the Healthy RI Task Force, the Home & Community Care Advisory Council, the RI Emergency Management Advisory Council Special Needs Workgroup, the Quality Partners Board, RI Generations, the RI Quality Institute Health IT Steering Committee, the Health Care Quality Program Steering Committee, and more. In addition, we collaborated with numerous stakeholders on a wide variety of issues, including RIALA, RIHCA, the Alliance for Better Long Term Care, the Senior Agenda Coalition, the Rhode Island Quality Institute, AARP, and more.

Membership News

RIAFSA welcomed two new Provider Members, Alite Care, which launched an adult day center in Jamestown, and SWAP Inc./201 Thurbers, which opened a 22 unit senior housing development in Providence.

Our Professional Interest Groups—the Social Worker Directors Group and Activities Directors Group—expanded their memberships in 2010, and the Directors of Nurses Group has plans to re-launch in 2011.

RIAFSA held its annual Quality of Life luncheon, during which numerous volunteers were recognized, and the 7th annual John Hedderson Award for Employee Excellence was awarded to Gerry Nestell, CNA and Director of Transportation at the United Methodist Elder Care Community. His surprise and gratitude at receiving the award were touching and inspiring. We were pleased to have Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Roberts as our speaker.

RIAFSA also welcomed several new and returning Associate Members, totaling 32 partners. We appreciate the support of all our Associate Members!

A RIAFSA Member Satisfaction Survey was conducted this fall to obtain member feedback about RIAFSA. We are pleased that 100% of our members are satisfied with RIAFSA's efforts on their behalf, and will use the related feedback to further enhance our efforts in 2011.

Information and Education

RIAFSA continued to distribute its weekly newsletter, the RIAFSA Weekly Round Up, which contains updates on the latest developments in long term care in Rhode Island and beyond, as well as member updates, funding announcements, and other information.

The year 2010 included a wide range of educational programming for members. Our 2010 Annual Conference and Trade Show attracted over 180 attendees, representing almost all of RIAFSA's providers, as well as 63 exhibitors. AAHSA's CEO Larry Minnix was our keynote speaker. Our 2010 LTC Policy Conference was also a success in terms of turnout and content. In addition, RIAFSA sponsored or co-sponsored ten continuing education seminars on numerous topics, plus an audioconference series on MDS 3.0.

RIAFSA maintained an aggressive media relations effort to raise awareness of the needs and issues of all its members through Op-Eds, Letters to the Editor, press releases, interviews, and more.