

# CAMAE

CT Association of Municipal Agents for the Elderly

Municipal Agents are the boots on the ground for Seniors and their families. Often the first point of contact at the town level. Each municipality is required by state statute to appoint a Municipal Agent.

CAMAE's role is

- To develop and encourage advocacy on behalf of and dissemination of information to the elderly of CT
- To provide training, information and educational material to those acting in the capacity of, or in cooperation with Municipal Agents for the Elderly
- To provide for the free exchange of ideas and concepts to enhance the identification of problems encountered by the elderly and existing or desired remedies therefore
- To develop and encourage advocacy on behalf of Municipal Agents and recognition of their role

Members of CAMAE are often in combined positions serving as Senior Center Directors, in the Social Services Department, as the First Selectmen's secretary or as another town position. The membership of CAMAE ranges from 45 to 100 individuals.

CAMAE offers 2 trainings a year. The cost to attend is included in the yearly dues. Non-members can attend at a cost of \$75.00 per session. The spring conference offers a keynote, 6 workshops and a membership meeting. The fall workshop is 3 sessions and a membership meeting.

Some of the topics for the last 3 years include:

- Managing your health
- 10 ways to promote your events
- Road to livability
- Municipal Agent 101
- Expanding your resources through networking
- Assessing your personal safety
- ABC's of Time Management

Veteran's Benefits

Open Enrollment

Home Fit

Medicare Savings Program

Newbie Medicare 101

Alzheimer's/Dementia

Us or Them- no we are them

What do we do as Municipal Agents and what we really should not be doing? Which are solely Municipal Agent duties?

Fall 2017 Workshop includes:

Readers Digest version of "Open Enrollment"

AARP overview

Probate Court

Legislative Update

CAMAE worked with DSS in 2014 to develop [CAMAE.DSS@ct.gov](mailto:CAMAE.DSS@ct.gov), a dedicated e-mailbox that creates a direct line of communicate between DSS and individual Municipal Agents. Municipal Agents can forward questions regarding clients and be provided a response within 48 hours.

CAMAE has long looked for a certificate program so Municipal Agents can be more aligned with other town officials. IE: Certified town clerk, certified tax collector, certified building inspector. In the past, there has been preliminary discussions with the Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging to perhaps partner with them and use their Certification Process for Directors and Program Managers to create a path for CT Municipal Agents to become certified.

CAMAE is more than willing to partner with the State Department on Aging and other agencies for future trainings.