

ASSISTED LIVING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: January 21, 2014

Time: 10 AM

Meeting locations

Videoconference to:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Bureau of Health Care Quality &
Compliance
727 Fairview Drive, Suite E Carson City,
Nevada 89701

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Bureau of Health Care Quality & Compliance
4220 So. Maryland Parkway, Building D, Suite 810
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

ATTENDEES

Las Vegas ALAC Members:

Lynn Homnick, Silver Sky Assisted Living
Martha Hilario, Golden Home Care
Shawn McGivney, Tender Loving Care Senior Residence
Leonard A. Arnold, Chancellor Gardens of the Lakes

Carson City ALAC Members:

Dan Allmett, Mason Valley Residence, Acting Chair
Diana Roberts, Consultant

Excused: Maureen Gresh, Linn Thome, Margaret McConnell, Marcelino P. Casal

Las Vegas Staff and Others:

Donna McCafferty, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
Julie D. Bell, DPBH, HCQC
Don Sampson, HCQC
Theresa Brushfield

Carson City Staff and Others:

Anna Fulco, Arbors Memory Care
Darryl Fisher, Mission Senior Living
Drew Sibr, RN
Wendy Simons, Nevada Health Care Association
M. Jeanne Hesterlee, DPBH, HCQC
Nenita Wasserman, DPBH, HCQC

Teleconference:

Heather Korbolic, State Long Term Ombudsman
Heather Lankford, Willow Creek Memory Care
Gina Stutchman, Arbors Memory Care

Roll call was taken. The Chair announced there was a quorum.

Approval of minutes for the meeting of October 15, 2013. *Dan Allmett, Acting Chair*

THERE WAS A MOTION BY LYNN HOMICK TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 15, 2013, AND A SECOND BY DIANA ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion of recruitment for advisory council opening(s) that need to be filled. *Dan Allmett, Acting Chair*

Donna McCafferty commented that there were several openings on ALAC.

Those that were interested introduced themselves and gave a brief background which included the following people:

- Heather Lankford, Executive Director and Health Care Coordinator of a 42 bed memory care and adult day care program. She commented she is also is a member of the Adult Day Care Advisory Council.
- Anna Fulco, Administrative Director, Arbors Memory Care – responsible for overall day-to-day operations, new resident assessments, resident family issues, supervises 60 employees, maintain resident records, recruit, hire, discipline, train are just a few of her responsibilities. 72-memory care units. A Grand Master Trainer, a different technique where she attended school in Florida.
- Darrell Fisher , President, Mission Senior Living, explained his company is a management company in the process of developing and managing assisted and memory care communities. The first community is east of Fernley and will be open in May 2014. It has 66 apartments that will open in May 2014. He was Chief Operating Officer of Sun West until it was sold to Emeritus in 2010. He also founded Ageless Dream Plane which is a nonprofit foundation which has provided 274 dream flights in an open cockpit bi-plane.
- Teresa Brushfield speaking on behalf of Christina Lazar said that Christina went into the business six years ago and is very involved with her residents. At her last inspection, she received zero deficiencies. Shawn McGivney added that she has solid interpersonal skills.
- Gina Stutchman, Arbors Memory Care, commented if there was a need for a fourth member, she was very interested to do that.

Review and make recommendations to update the Residential Facilities for Groups Fact Sheet developed by board members for distribution to the public and for posting on the Division of Public and Behavioral Health website.

Donna McCafferty reminded advisory council members that she would help put the template together for the fact sheet and to submit they would like included to: dmcafferty@health.nv.gov.

There was no public comment on this item.

Nevada Health Care Assisted Living Program Updates and Educational Initiatives.
Wendy Simons

Wendy Simons noted that the Nevada Health Care Association (NVHCA) began efforts to expand memberships to include residential carefacilities. Nevada Assisted Living Center, they are also NVHA is also bundles membership to the national membership of assisted living.

Wendy Simons said she just completed a training held by the National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) regarding the home and community based waiver program. Subsequently, healthcare has amended the new rules in guidance for the retooling of the assisted living waiver program. The assisted living waiver program helps supplement but Aging and Disability Services is going to be making one waiver for the frail elderly instead of parceling it which will potentially open up more slots. The CMS directive is very focused for person centered facility modeled through these waiver programs. The Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) and Bureau of Health Care Financing and Policy have been great partners in discussions regarding this. There is an agenda item for working with other governmental programs and the subsequent rules that are coming out. If anyone would like to be on her email distribution list, please email Wendy Simons at: Wendy@nvhca.org.

Wendy Simons explained that NVHCA will be conducting 24 webinar classes. There is a drive for the membership of NVHCA and the educational opportunities are provided for the north and south.

There was no public comment on this item.

Assisted Living Industry Updates which include what are current trends, census/occupancy mix, top three business issues and successes deserving recognition.

Health Care Quality and Compliance updates:

Donna McCafferty commented that she Julie D. Bell will be taking over some of the advisory council meetings and Don Sampson will also be working with me on the nonmedical team.

Public Comment (No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.)

Teresa Brushfield said that she knows it is privilege to operate under a license. She stated that she is very concerned and upset that there is no recourse for an operator. She said she has had to purger herself saying that everything on the inspection is true because the surveyor did not follow the regulations. The regulations regarding the surveyors says that on the SOD, the bureau will give recommendations on how to improve ourselves. She noted that she is frustrated that she is not able to defend herself and that the surveyor has the last say.

Donna McCafferty said that administrators can call in to participated on the exit interview and staff can give you suggestions.

Shawn McGivney said that in the Plan of Correction (POC) the administrator can write their opinion. The point system does give some leeway and to some degee a challenge can be made and you can disagree including not change anything.

Donna McCafferty said that the whole reason for this meeting is that it is collaborative.

Dan Allmett requested a representative from the Personal Care Agencies Advisory Council be on the next agenda to discuss the wage/labor issue.

Adjournment.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Diane Roberts, the motion was seconded by Shawn McGivney. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nenita Wasserman