

## **ASSISTED LIVING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Unofficial Meeting Minutes**

**Date: July 15, 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 South Maryland Parkway, Building D, Suite 810  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

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NOTE: SOME BOARD MEMBERS MAY ATTEND IN LAS VEGAS

AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, COMBINED FOR CONSIDERATION,  
AND/OR REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA AT THE CHAIRPERSON'S DISCRETION

#### **Las Vegas ALAC Members:**

Linn Thome, Silver Sky Assisted Living, Co-Chair  
Martha Hilario, Golden Home Care  
Heather Lankford, Willow Creek Memory Care  
Shawn McGivney, Tender Loving Care Senior Residence (teleconference)

#### **Carson City ALAC Members:**

Dan Allmett, Mason Valley Residence, Co-chair  
Mary Ellen Padgett, Riverview Manor  
John Gabor, 5 Star Residences of Reno  
Margaret McConnell, BELTCA  
Diane Roberts  
Darryl; Fisher, Mission Senior Living  
Gina Stutchman, Arbors Memory Care

#### **Las Vegas Staff and Others:**

Donna McCafferty, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)  
Don Sampson, DPBH, HCQC  
Theresa Brushfield  
Daniel Mathis, Nevada Health Care Association

#### **Carson City Staff and Others:**

Kyle Devine, Bureau Chief, DPBH, HCQC  
M. Jeanne Hesterlee, DPBH, HCQC  
Sherry Crance, RN, ADSD  
Veronica Galas, Clinical Services Manager, Carson City Health and Human Services  
Patricia Townsend, Tuberculosis Program Manager, DHHS

**There was not a quorum for today's meeting so the April 15, 2014 meeting minutes were not**

**approved.**

Approval of minutes for the meeting of April 15, 2014. *Maureen Gresh Co-chair*

PUBLIC COMMENT  
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Brief Overview Tuberculosis Program for State of Nevada and Carson City, and forms required.**

*Veronica Galas, Clinical Services Manager, Carson City Health and Human Services; Patricia Townsend, State Tuberculosis Controller*

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[vgalas@carson.org](mailto:vgalas@carson.org) 775.283.7620)*

*(Note to Chair – Patricia Townsend will be calling in for her presentation and will be calling later during the meeting. She had a conflict at 10 a.m. and will probably be joining the meeting between 10:30 and 11 a.m.)*

Veronica Galas explained that the tuberculosis program is under the Epidemiology Department which covers the investigations of anyone who might be a contact to that person to help prevent TB in the community. Testing and treatment guidelines are insured to be met by the Clinical Services Department of the Carson City Health and Human Services. NAC441a.380 discusses the admissions to medical facilities, testing, isolation, prevention, treatment and documentation, and residents. NAC441a.375 discusses employees hired before hire.

Dan Allmett said that since tuberculosis is one of the biggest issues it seems like all the forms are different.

Don Sampson explained that HCQC has a form which has been around for quite some time and are willing to take input from ALAC on any items they would like to change.

Shawn McGivney said that there are thousands of doctors may or may not use your form which might be a challenge in universalizing the TB form. He recommended some general screening or brief education training.

*(State of Nevada, Tuberculosis Program and forms required, Patricia Townsend, Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology (OPHIE)(this item is tentative, and yet to be confirmed as of July 7, 2014) [ptownsend@health.nv.gov](mailto:ptownsend@health.nv.gov) 702-486-0089)*

**Discussion of Worker's Compensation Information.** *Donald Sampson, HCQC*

Donald Sampson commented that there have been numerous worker's compensation claims over the last several months. Part of the misconception is that if you hire an independent contractor you do not have to have worker's compensation coverage which is not true. If the individual is injured on the job, the employer is responsible for the comp for the claim. He stated it is important to make sure you maintain worker's comp for your employees.

**Discussion related to medical training which would require a second medical test for renewals of licensing. This item was combine with item 6. Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance update on medication management course and medication management refresher test. *Don Sampson, Health Facilities Inspector III, HCQC***

Don Sampson said he has a new exam for the medication management course and medication management refresher test. He explained that they would like to keep this on a short track and asked if everyone could look at the course and send back their comments as soon as possible.

Margaret McConnell commented that if you are sending the exam to the board members, please be careful that the information is guarded. Send it to a couple of people who are qualified. She commented that she is happy to do it as an unbiased person and not share it with providers.

All the members were in agreement to send the medication test to a limited number of members.

**Nevada Health Care Association (NVHCA) updates.**

Robert Good introduced himself as the new president of the Perry Foundation.

**Assisted Living Industry Updates *Maureen Gresh, Co-chair***

- (a) current trends, census/occupancy mix, NVHCA and NCAL send out a questionnaire to all residential care homes. Shawn McGivney said that the Nevada model was the national leader in fire safety in sprinkler requirements. Before the new restrictions were put in by the State Fire Marshall, Nevada was the leader.
- (b) top three business issues and
- (c) successes deserving recognition. Donna McCafferty noted that the technical bulletin and the fact sheet for ALAC was posted at the HCQC web site. She sent out an invitation to all ALAC members regarding a stakeholder meeting on July 23 which is limited to three members per organization. The meeting is being held in the north and south, video conferenced.

Margaret McConnell –suggested a couple items for future meetings - accept nominations for northern chair, and replacement for Marcel and Maureen Gresh and follow up on TB forms.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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.)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

July 15, 2014