

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
ASSISTED LIVING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

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Time: 10 AM

Meeting locations Videoconference to:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health Bureau of
Health Care Quality & Compliance
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1. Roll call. *Co-chair*

Las Vegas ALAC Members:

Linn Thome, Merrill Gardens, Co-Chair
Simona Cocea, Nevada Memory Care
Wendy Knorr, Atria Senior Living (teleconference)
Julie Liebo, Lakeview Assisted Living & Memory Care
Julie Peterson, Vintage Park
Shawn McGivney, Tender Loving Care Senior Residence
Jeremy J. Thompson, Morris Polich and Purdy, LLP
Dora Valentin Tompkins, Angel Care Residential Home

Carson City ALAC Members:

Dan Allmett, Mason Valley Residence, Co-chair
Paul Bailey, Bailey's Group Home
Margaret McConnell, BELTCA
Chris Mirando, RFA, Majestic Management of Pahrump, Inc. (teleconference)
Diana Roberts, Washoe County
Gina Stutchman, Arbors Memory Care
Patrick Ward, Carson Valley Senior Living

Ex Officio Member:

Robert Kidd, CEO, Perry Foundation

Las Vegas Staff:

Minou Nelson, HCQC
Justin North, HCQC

Participating by teleconference:

Wendy Knorr, Atria Senior Living
Wendy Simons
Daryll Fisher, Mission

Staff attending in Carson City:

M. Jeanne Hesterlee, HCQC
Anna Lisa Acosta, HCQC
Nenita Wasserman, HCQC

Absent: all members present

Approval of minutes for the meeting of October 18, 2016. *Dan Allmett, Co-chair*

THERE WAS MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2016. CHRIS MIRANDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MEETING MINUTES APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Make recommendations for renewal of two-year terms as members of ALAC. Administrator DHHS makes final decision.

- Margaret McConnell expires January 2017
- Dan Allmett – expires January 2017
- Shawn McGivney – expires January 2017

THERE WAS A MOTION AND A SECOND TO RECOMMEND RENEWAL OF TERMS FOR MARGARET MCCONNELL, DAN ALLMETT AND SHAWN MCGIVNEY FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS, EXPIRING JANUARY 2019. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Health Care Quality and Compliance updates: *Minou Nelson, HCQC*

There were no legislative updates to given. Gina Stutchman asked if an email update could be sent out regarding AB 46 revisions provisions governing services provided to persons with mental illness and other disabilities and SB 27 Revises the definition of the term “mental illness” for purposes of provisions relating to criminal procedure, mental health and intellectual disabilities. Nathan Orme informed the group that they could go to the Nevada Legislature’s web site to look up the status of any bill under their NELIS system at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us>.

The top ten tags were reviewed by staff as follows:

1. 0878 Medication /OTCs, Supplements, Change Order
2. 0103 Personnel File – NAC 441 / Tuberculosis
3. 0936 Resident file NRS 441A Tuberculosis
4. 0105 Personnel File Background Check
5. 0178 Health and Sanitation Maintain Int Ext
6. 0920 Medication Storage
7. 0074 Elder Abuse
8. 0895 Medication / MAR PRN MAR
9. 0859 Periodic Physical examination of a resident
10. 0106 Personnel File – 1st aid & CPR

Update on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) settings and changes related to assisted living. *Crystal Wren, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)*

There were no updates for this item.

Updates from the Aging Disability and Services Division that relate to assisted living. *Jennifer Williams-Woods, State Long Term Care Ombudsman*

Jennifer Williams Woods, State Long Term Care Ombudsman, reminded everyone to register for the caregiver conference at the Best Western February 9, 2017 and Feb 23, 2017 at Optum.

Home Based and Community Waiver Information.

Anna Olsen-Figueroa, Social Services Manager in the north, Home and Community Based Waiver Program said they were continuing the process for the applicants for the different waiver programs plus the nonwaiver programs. She noted that the Reno Carson Office has made some adjustments with one social worker assigned to a group home. Some of the larger group homes have two social workers going out in the north.

Assisted Living Industry updates.

Dan Allmettt, Co-chair, said there are no updates under the industry update agenda item.

- Discussion on current trends, legislative issues related to assisted living.

In response to Gina Stutchman's question if Steve Gerleman would participate in future meetings, Jeanne Hesterlee said that she would find out and let the ALAC group know at their next meeting.

Shawn McGivney suggested that all long-term industries have a BELTCA Certified administrator.

Margaret McConnell referring to Supported Living Arrangements who has one set of standards and health facilities, said it is perplexing why there is two set of standards as far as quality of care and protective supervision, life choices. It would be helpful to know from the industry and regulatory standpoint why there are two standards.

A member noted that there is a completely set of regulations for the SLA and very vague on the requirements. If they are caring for a similar client based, why wouldn't the legislation be the same.

Vangie Molino said she has one caregiver, she rented a house. Someone gave her two residents, \$6000 fee, taking care of the two people. She said she is a manager and thinks it is an SLA also. If they can have so many people, it does not seem fair.

Minou Nelson said if you have information about a home that is providing care without a license, please report it to HCQC. Some of the new legislation is for younger mentally challenged patients who are independent. The only type of care provided is for the younger mentally ill, they are physically capable to maintain their adls but need some guidance.

Margaret McConnell said it is unfortunate that there is not someone at today's meeting to explain these new bills before the legislature. She recommended that someone should look at why mental health people are being carved out and saying they are different. Nevada takes the stance that mental health clients have a different standard which is a shame; it is not the same quality. We are here to protect people.

Jeanne Bishop Parise said that with Nathan Orme's assistance, he could notify the advisory council when staff changes occur.

Minou Nelson there is a concern that there are people who are trying to circumvent the statutes already exist.

After come discussion, the advisory council members requested a meeting with Steve Gerleman and have a better understanding of the state's intent.

Shawn McGivney said that he has called Ellen Richardson and Jane Gruner who is no longer supervising the developmentally disabled. He said that they need someone with a broad understanding. He asked who else would supervise the multi-state providers.

Jeanne Hesterlee said there are five ICF-IV facilities that are overseen by the bureau that are Medicaid certified and state licensed. There use to be more and they are all going to a community living model versus an institutional level. A survey is done yearly. Steve Gerleman is an expert in that area and would be appropriate to answer some of those questions for you.

Crystal Wren said the rate is posted on our web site so it is public knowledge. Supportive living arrangements are approved and it is an hourly rate and is public knowledge. Whatever services they are getting but it can up to \$3000 and depends on the individual. Dhcfp.nv.gov which is Nevada Medicaid's page. In the search type fee schedule then type pt38 and that will bring up all the rates. ASD, Developmental Services do the certification for SLAs.

The Co-Chair asked if they need to identify who wants to meet with Steve Gerleman and said that an email will be sent out inviting everyone.

Discuss and make recommendations of topics for Administrator to take the State Board of Health
Dan Allmet, Co-chair

No action was taken under this item.

“Bravo Zulu: Achieving Excellence in Relationship – Centered Care.”

Robert Kidd noted that a new series of workshops in Las Vegas and Reno for 2017 by Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) as part of their Veterans In Care (VIC) Initiative to develop and facilitate a series of workshops, providing CEUs for administrators, nurses, and social workers.

Robert Kidd, President stated that Wendy Simons said that this Veterans In Care Program was started by her agency to locate veterans located in residential care. It had a three pronged approach to first find all veterans and advise them of benefits., honor them and recognize in ceremonies, third to develop a community outreach program. The first program was crafted by Robert Kidd, Perry Foundation. There have been 90 plus facilities who are participating and they have found 1500 veterans. Jennifer Carson has done a wonder job in crafting the models. The participants were many different providers. At the end of the four module series, there will be a recognition by the Governor.

Robert Kidd, President and CEO Perry Foundation noted that Bravo Zulu is a program that has been developed and will be copyrighted and shared with everyone on a national level. There was a kickoff of 55 people in Las Vegas and 32 people attend. If you would like to attend the other three sessions they are done quarterly throughout 2017. There will be CEUs if you attend the workshops. If you attend all 4 of the workshops, then you can get your certificate that certifies you have received dementia training. The dates are April 3 and 4th in Reno.

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.)

Nathan Orme, Education and Information Officer, HCQC suggested that everyone sign up at the Nevada Legislature website at www.leg.state.nv.us. It also offers you will have the ability to sign up for NELIS which contains the personal legislative tracker. You can track up to ten bills with no charge which will notify you of hearings and schedules. He also commented that you can view the hearings online.

Responding to Gina Stutchman's comment that at the last meeting they had discussed making the grades more visible on the HCQC web site, Nathan Orme said it was in process or already complete. Gina Stutchman requested an email be sent out when that request was completed.

Jeanne Hesterlee said that they have a report run monthly because they are on the new system, they are not going to have all the facilities in the system for you to be able to pull it from the portal. It will show the current grades.

Gina Stutchman said that there is value in showing the history. In the past it would show a grade d, then grade a, so the problems were not being fixed.

Wendy Simons said that added under public comment said she wanted to advise ALAC members there will be a small home recognition event and now have reservations for 33 people to attend. Ten small homes will be honoring veterans at the Sawyer Center at 2 p.m. January 18, 2017. This will be duplicated in the north as well. She said the Governor attended the most recent event that she had recognizing veterans.

Dan Allmett said when you have a new veteran move into your facility, who can you contact. Wendy Simons said to contact her office. Many facilities have employees that take care of veterans. There will be a roll back to honor these veterans. This program is slowly and steadily building and does not exist in any other state in the nation. They intend to reach out to PCAs, HHA hospices and other licensed facilities that are providing care for our veterans.

Margaret McConnell requested if someone could completed a spreadsheet on the last 5 to 10 years to look whether the tags are showing improvement. If not, someone may want to on a challenge to find out why an impact on these issues are not being made.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:55 a.m.