

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
Homes for Individual Residential Care Advisory Council Meeting  
Summary Meeting Minutes  
Date: February 10, 2015  
Time: 2 PM**

**MEETING LOCATIONS**

Videoconference to:

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

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NOTE: SOME ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY ATTEND BY TELECONFERENCE

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

**HIRC Members Present**

Dorothy Domingo, Golden Retreat Care Home – (Las Vegas)  
Phil Glessner, Mimi's Care (Las Vegas)  
Jaqui La Voie, La Casa De La Voie (teleconference)  
Beatrice Mercado, Senior Residential Care Vistas (Las Vegas)  
Emelita Tugas, Washington Senior (Las Vegas)

**HIRC Members Not Present**

Sharon Leffingwell (Las Vegas)

**Las Vegas attendees:**

M. Jeanne Hesterlee, HCQC  
Julie D. Bell, HCQC  
Mona Lisa Samuelson, Patient Advocate  
Cindy Brown, Medical Marijuana Advocate  
Vicki Higgins

**Carson City attendees:**

Leslie Bittleston, DHCFP  
Pam Graber, Medical Marijuana Program, DPAIS  
Sherry Crance, HCQC

**Teleconference**

Heather Korbolic, State Ombudsman (via teleconference)

**Approval of minutes from the November 19, 2014 meeting.** *Beatrice Mercado, Chairperson*

**A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES WAS MADE BY DOROTHY DOMINGO. SECONDED BY A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Donald Sampson reviewed the top ten tags for homes for individual residential care which are:

1. 0050 Tuberculosis – Employees
2. 0065 Employee Background Check Requirements
3. 0055 Tuberculosis Residents
4. 0030 Safety and Sanitation – Home Clean; Hazard Free
5. 0999 Final Comments
6. 0019 Director Duties – No FA/CPR
7. 0032 Safety and Sanitation – Fire Extinguisher
8. 0066 Training to recognize and prevent abuse
9. 0060 Ultimate User Agreement
10. 0011 Director Duties - Needs Assessment

Legislative Liaison – Julie Bell said she is not aware of a lot of bills that they will be following.

Dorothy Domingo said that if everyone educates themselves on this topic, they can have good inspections

Don Sampson said the Bureau can offer a refresher course for HIRCs.

Julie Bell said the HIRC group is very conscientious but would like to reach out to the facilities that are being cited. She explained that HIRC facility owners have a difficult time leaving their homes so the bureau could try to set up a webinar and help those people in rural communities.

**General Discussion of Medical Marijuana topics related to homes for individual residential care.**  
–Julie D. Bell, Health Facilities Inspection Manager

Pam Graber said having medical marijuana in facilities is difficult. The facilities are trying to make decisions that are best for their patients. Things are changing now so she was at today's meeting to help answer any questions that they might have regarding regulations and standards.

Mona Lisa Samuelson, Patient Advocate said that if you are aware of the history of medical cannabis, Nevada is moving that users will have access through cannabis dispensaries. She said there are a few reference sites on the state web. Patient advocates are here and have much working knowledge and are a resource to help you with any questions you might have.

Dorothy Domingo said she was concerned about liability.

Mona Lisa Samuelson said that as an advocate for medical marijuana said there should not be a liability because it is a recommendation from a doctor. She said she uses it and in her opinion works wonders for arthritis and that it helps her medically. She commented that older people use a vapor pen which has no smell. She noted that there are many ways that people can use it from smoking it, eating brownies, using vapor pens, and tinctures.

Dorothy Domingo explained that the facilities would have to lock up all things that are used to medicate a patient such as vitamins and medications.

Julie Bell said that the state has very specific regulations, which are very strict. Other concerns include how will the facilities get their product.

Pam Graber, there is an education part on the dispensaries to have knowledge to know what strain and form can be used. The marijuana of today is not the one of your mother's; as there are different strengths and forms such as a drinking, tincture, patches, lotions, edibles, etc.

Pam Graber said the medical marijuana establishments are doing well. She said that her office can do as much as they can from a regulatory stand point. Medicinal values, taxation are not the Health Division's responsibility.

Julie D. Bell said that facilities should think about having a medical marijuana policy. Concern was expressed regarding liability if someone had a bad reaction for any of your facilities.

Beatrice Mercado thanked Pam Graber for her attendance.

**Update on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) new rules for home and community based settings.** –*Jennifer Frischmann, Chief, and Leslie Bittleston, Long-Term Support Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)*

Leslie Bittleston said that they are proceeding with a required transition plan. The plan is Home and Community based; must have access to the greater community, must not be segregated. This is a plan for Medicaid Providers.

Division of Insurance, General Discussion on Liability Insurance for Homes for Individual Care, *Rajat Jain, Acting Chief, Property and Casualty Section, Division of Insurance*

There was no one for the Division of Insurance to comment on this.

**Industry Updates** – *Beatrice Mercado, Chairperson*

Top three challenges facing the industry:

A roundtable discussion was conducted on glucose testing. One member said that most everyone has had diabetic who needed glucose testing and questioned why it is a tag.

Jeanne Hesterlee said to conduct a glucose test you must be licensed to do so.

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.)

No comment under this item.

**Adjournment.**

Phil Glesner moved for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm.