

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health**  
**Homes for Individual Residential Care Advisory Council Meeting**  
***DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES***  
**Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2016**  
**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

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

CALL IN NUMBER: 775-887-5619      Conference ID: 2000

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

**Las Vegas attendees:**

Beatrice Mercado, Co-Chair (teleconference)  
Phil Glessner, Co-Chair  
Dorothy Domingo, Compassionate Residential Care Home  
Sharon Leffingwell  
Emelita Tugas, Washington Senior Guest Home

Don Sampson, HCQC

**Carson City attendees:**

Crystal Wren, Nevada Medicaid Long-Term Support Services and Supports  
Sherry Crance, HCQC  
M. Jeanne Hesterlee, HCQC  
Nenita Wasserman, HCQC

**Approval of minutes from the November 10, 2015 meeting.** *Phil Glessner, Co-Chair*

**THERE WAS A MOTION BY DOROTHY DOMINGO TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2015. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BEATRICE MERCADO. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Bureau Topics –**

Don Sampson, Health Care Quality and Compliance reviewed the top ten tags for homes for individual residential care.

## **Top ten tags for homes for individual residential care.**

Tuberculosis – Employees  
Employee Background Check Requirements  
Training to recognize and prevent abuse  
Safety and Sanitation – Home Clean; Hazard Free  
Tuberculosis – Residents  
Ultimate User Agreement  
Director Duties – No FA/CPR  
Records of Residents – Copy of physical  
Safety and Sanitation – Food Preparation  
Final Comments – Elder Abuse Training /over census

## **General Discussion of Medical Marijuana topics related to homes for individual residential care.**

Don Sampson asked if any clients are coming in with medical marijuana cards.

Dorothy Domingo said most of her clients are in their 80s or 90s and there are no issues at this time.

Sharon Leffingwell said she works in a skilled facility and is seeing more requests for medical marijuana between the ages of 28 and 50. There are some group homes that are not allowing it that.

Jeanne Hesterlee noted that if you accept any money at the federal level, having residents smoke marijuana can jeopardize your reimbursement because it is illegal federally .

## **Annual review of By-Laws**

Don Sampson said the group may continue with the current by-laws or make suggestions for improvement.

Chair Phil Glessner asked for any suggestions. He noted the last change was a reduction in the number to make a quorum.

The members requested to review the By-Laws for the next meeting and possibly make some recommendations for changes.

## **Update on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).**

Crystal Wren, Long-Term Support Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) commented that they have received a letter regarding the new rule from CMS. The letter is quite lengthy and they will be conducting more workshops. They are doing some training with internal staff in Las Vegas and have 60 reviews in the north and a little over 80 in the south conduct. Once the reviews are conducted, she will report and compile all the information and report to CMS by June 30, 2016.

The work waiver was merged into the frail and elderly waiver. Work Waiver, Assisted Waiver and the frail and elderly waiver so there are three waivers.

**Update and discussion regarding Legislative Subcommittee to Conduct a Study of Postacute Care** (Assembly Bill 242 [Chapter 306, *Statutes of Nevada 2015*]) *Jeanne Hesterlee, Health Care Quality and Compliance*

Jeanne Hesterlee said there has not had anything to report since the last meeting. The next post Acute Care meeting is on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. If anyone is interested in listening or attending, contact Nenita Wasserman at [nwasserman@health.nv.gov](mailto:nwasserman@health.nv.gov).

**Industry Updates – Beatrice Mercado**

- A. Top three challenges facing the industry –There was no discussion under this item. Beatrice Mercado asked if this should be kept on the agenda.
- B. Successes deserving recognition – no comment was made on this item. .

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.)

There was no comment made under this item.

Future meetings: May 10, 2016, August 9, 2016, and November 8, 2016.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.