

**SKILLED NURSING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Date: February 18, 2014**

**Time: 3:30 p.m.**

**MEETING LOCATIONS**

Videoconference to:

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

Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
4220 South Maryland Parkway, Building D, Suite 810  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

**Las Vegas attendees:**

Southern Co-Chair: David R. Campbell, Administrator, TLC Care Center  
Daniel Mathis, Nevada Healthcare Associations  
Donna Thorson, HealthInsight

Bina Hribik-Portello, Regional Lifecare of America  
Matt Pool, Marquis Plaza Regency  
Darrin Cook, Regional Fundamental, Inc.  
Mary Dash, Regional Nurse for Empress  
James Sullivan, Highland Village of Mesquite

**Carson City attendees:**

Northern Co-Chair: Rusty Marsh, The Ensign Group  
Joan Hall, Nevada Rural Healthcare Partners  
Tom Morton  
Jill Bernstent, Aging Rights  
Diane Allen, Perry Foundation  
Christina Conti, Washoe County Health District  
Karen Allen, Carson City Health and Human Services  
Bill Ross

**Teleconference:**

Joan Hall, Nevada Rural Hospital Partners  
Heather Korbolic State Ombudsmen Aging and Disabilities Services Division (ADSD)  
Tina Meggenson, Life Care Center of Reno  
Matt Pool, Plaza Regency  
Tom Morton

**Approval of minutes from the November 19, 2013 meeting.**

**THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. MOTION WAS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 19, 2013 MEETING MINUTES.**

**Overview and discussion of Regional Healthcare Facility Emergency Preparedness Committee goals, objectives and achievements to date, possible support from Skilled Nursing Advisory Committee for preparedness activities for skilled facilities.** *Co-Chairs, Karen Allen, RN, Carson City Health and Human Services and Christina Conti, Public Emergency Response Coordinator, Washoe County Health District*

Karen Allen, RN, Carson City Health and Human Services, work within the hospital system to help with hospital preparedness planning and vulnerable populations planning within the healthcare system, it is a community component which is medical measure planning.

Christina Conti, Regional Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Committee, explained the committee's mission is to promote facility emergency management planning through collaboration, education and participation in emergency preparedness planning, training and exercising.

Christina Conti reviewed the committee objectives:

- To ensure that facilities have the tools to succeed with emergency preparedness planning and will successfully be able to respond during an emergency.
- To provide education opportunities to promote emergency preparedness planning
- To provide an environment of cross collaboration to leverage community resources
- Have an accurate accounting of available resources and facilitate resource acquisition.

Ms. Conti said the group meets quarterly for an hour and provide trainings which maybe longer and separate from the quarterly meetings. She said that they focus on skilled facilities and memory facilities, Douglas County, Washoe County and Carson City.

She reviewed their current projects which include: Hazard and Vulnerability Assessment Workshop, Facility Continuity of Operations Planning Workshop, Active threat/workplace violence, alternate care site planning template, Alzheimer's Association Safe Return Bracelet, resident smoke inhalation during evacuation, redundant communication policies/practices, HCQC Waiver during an emergency, and emergency management presentation.

Handout provided to the committee titled Grab and Go Sheet lists emergency contact numbers and a list of all the supplies and essentials that you would need if you need to evacuate your facility.

Handout provided "Emergency Flow Chart". All copies of handouts posted to the State Web. electronic files.

Ms. Conti noted that this committee is only active in Northern Nevada. She shared contact numbers to encourage others to attend. Jeff Quinn in Southern Nevada [Quinn@SNHDMAIL.org](mailto:Quinn@SNHDMAIL.org). She added that when they visit a facility, they give an assessment.

Rusty Marsh said in the north, there was a shooting in which there was no previous training for that type of situation at a skilled nursing facility. This training had a run/hide/fight tool to use when there is a similar situation which could be very helpful.

Donna McCafferty commented that if the Regional Healthcare Facility Emergency Preparedness Committee sends information regarding their next meeting, HCQC can distribute it on our listserv and encourage all those interested to attend.

### **Health Insight updates:**

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- a. Presentation of “Top 10 Inspection Deficiencies Dashboard – there will no longer be updates on this.  
2010 – 40 percent had F309  
2013 – 49% had F309  
F250 tag is decreasing and in 2012 it went down more. (only 2.5% cited in 2012)  
The percentage of surveys of the top 10 tags in 2010; 25 percent of surveys only had those tags.  
In 2012 that has changed to 40 percent.
- b. Skilled Nursing Advisory Council (SNAC) involvement in promoting the Advancing Excellence campaign as a part of the Local Area Network for Excellence (LANE)

HealthInsight has been the Local Area of Network of Excellence (Lane). HealthInsight is the LANE convener. She proposed that the group consider becoming part of LANE. The LANE meets on a regular basis to talk about quality improvement and how to produce the resources of that campaign. On the Advancing Excellence website they have identified 9 goals and it walks the facility through establishing baselines, tests of change, and measurement. Acting as a LANE would also support the National Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative and the role of SNAC in promoting participation in the collaborative. There has been a national campaign that has been going on since January 2013 and the composite quality measure score was developed to measure success of the collaborative; the 13 long-stay measures are combined to one score and the goal is to reduce the score. For facilities that have been using this tool, they have been able to measure success.

The campaign supports statewide leadership, focus on meaningful goals, and improvement in the quality of care and quality of life for residents. The LANE helps with recruitment for the campaign and provides technical assistance as needed.

There was no public comment on this item.

### **Nevada Health Care Association update – Daniel Mathis, Nevada Health Care Association**

Daniel Mathis Provided a review of Origin of Quality Measures Data. He explained that CMS quality measures are obtained from American Health Care Association’s website. The information was compiled using CMS nursing home compare and provides quality measures data for each facility using CMS three quarter average methodology.

The top 10 Deficiencies are for Nevada are

1. Infection Control
2. Highest Well-being
3. Dietary
4. Clinical Records
5. Labeling
6. Professional Standards of Practice
7. Dignity
8. Notification
9. Accidents
10. Emergency training.

The Perry Foundation website will be up and running soon and it will contain interesting items such as facilities that have met CMS compliance and education items.

**Update on upcoming educational events, provided by the Perry Foundation, for skilled nursing facility provider staff:** *Diane Allen, President of the Perry Foundation*

Diane Allen explained that the awards ceremony for the providers is from 3 to 5 p.m. The live music/wine walk is a fund raiser and is from 5 - 8 p.m.. The webinars are available 24/7. The date for the first new webinar is February 26, 2014 regarding dining standards. New changes in regulations will always be posted on the Perry Foundation website which is updated every Friday.

There was no public comment on this item.

**Long Term Care Ombudsman update on Aging and Disability Services:** *Heather Korbolic, Aging and Disability Services*

There were no updates on this topic.

**Skilled Nursing Industry Updates** – *Daniel Mathis, Nevada Health Care Association*

Daniel Mathis discussed the behavioral state plan amendment to request the Medicaid reimbursement. He commented that there is a lot of activity on behavioral health moving forward. The percentage of behavioral problems in Nevada is the lowest in the country. He would like to see a behavioral program/TB Screening/identify in place for patients. He said they are close to having a solid recommendation on what behavioral health should look like and a percentage of those patients can be helped in placement.

**Future Meeting Dates:** August 19, 2014; November 18, 2014

No public comment was made on this item.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was made on this item.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:48 p.m.