

BY-LAWS OF SKILLED NURSING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Section I – Name

The name of this group shall be the Skilled Nursing Advisory Council (SNAC) and shall be referred to hereinafter as “the Council.”

Section II – Authority

The Council was initially formed in 2010 by appointment of the members at the request of the Bureau Chief. The Council was to pattern after the Assisted Living Advisory Council as established by the Administrator of the Nevada State Health Division in 2002, in response to a request by the State Board of Health for the Health Division to work collaboratively with group care providers to explore methodologies to reduce costs to facilities while maintaining quality care to residents. The recommendations of the Council are advisory only and shall be reported to the Administrator of the Health Division through the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (BHCQC). The Administrator of the Health Division will report on the Council’s activities to the State Board of Health.

Section III – Mission

The mission of the Council shall be to examine, consider, and make recommendations about the following issues:

- A) Educational strategies for providers of skilled nursing facility care;
- B) Revision of the regulations for skilled nursing facilities;
- C) Complaint process of the BHCQC;
- D) Liability insurance;
- E) Fee methodologies and BHCQC cost analysis; and

- F) Other issues impacting skilled nursing facility care.

Section IV – Members

Subsection A. Composition. The Council shall consist of no more than twelve members with a quorum consisting of six members. Except for numbers 7, 8, and 9 the members of the Council must either be Owners, Corporate Officers/Consultants or Licensed Administrators of Skilled Nursing Facilities. The Council should try to include in its membership but not be restricted to the following:

- 1) A skilled nursing facility provider from Clark County;
- 2) A skilled nursing facility provider from Washoe County;
- 3) A skilled nursing facility provider from rural/frontier Nevada;
- 4) A small skilled nursing facility provider;
- 5) A large skilled nursing facility provider;
- 6) A skilled nursing facility provider with a Special Alzheimers Unit;
- 7) QIO representative
- 8) NVHCA representative or officer
- 9) Director of Nursing

Subsection B. Alternate Member. If a member is unable to attend a meeting, he/she may designate a representative to serve in his/her stead who shall have all the rights and privileges of the member while acting on his/her behalf.

Subsection C. Term of Membership. Each Member shall serve a term of one to two years or until a successor is selected by a vote of the majority. Members

may serve consecutive terms. Member's terms should be staggered so that the entire membership will not be replaced at any one time. In the event of a vacancy, nominations will be solicited and members will be selected by a vote of the majority.

Subsection D. Compensation. Each member of the Council is responsible for his/her own expenses for travel and other costs related to membership.

Subsection E. Staffing. Staff will be provided by the BHCQC for purposes of arranging the meetings, preparing agendas, and researching needs within the availability of the Division's resources.

Subsection F. Voting. Only members of the Council shall be entitled to one vote on all business requiring action by the Council.

Subsection G. Termination. Members who are absent from two consecutive meetings, and who do not notify a Chairperson in advance of their expected absence or send an alternate, shall be terminated from Council membership.

Section V – Officers

Subsection A. Composition. There shall be the following officers of the Council:
Northern Co-Chairperson, Southern Co-Chairperson.

Subsection B. Duties of Officer. The Co-Chairpersons shall conduct the meetings of the Council and assign the recorder duties of taking the minutes at each meeting. The presiding Co-Chairperson may at his/her discretion appoint any member present to take charge of the meeting. The Co-Chairpersons shall appoint subcommittees and assign tasks to the members as necessary to fulfill the purposes of the Council.

Subsection C. Term of Office. A Co-Chairperson may serve two years or until a successor is elected by a majority of the members.

Section VI – Meetings

Subsection A. Regular. The Council shall meet as necessary, but not less than once each quarter.

Subsection B. Special. The Bureau or either Co-Chairperson may call for a Special Meeting with at least two week's notice should the necessity arise. The meeting, however, may only be held if a quorum is present.

Subsection C. Open Meeting Requirements. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with NRS 241, known as “Nevada’s Open Meeting Law.”

Subsection D. Subcommittees. Standing or special subcommittees may be appointed by either Chairperson. Subcommittees must also comply with the open meeting law.

Subsection E. Parliamentary Procedure. The Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the functions of the Council.

Section V – Amendment of the Bylaws

The bylaws may be amended as approved by a majority vote of the Council.