

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
SKILLED NURSING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Date: June 2, 2015**

**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

Attendees:

**Members:**

David R. Campbell, Administrator, Lake Mead Health & Rehab Center, Co-Chair  
Donna Thorson, HealthInsight (Las Vegas)  
Bina Hribik-Portello, Regional Lifecare Centers of America (Las Vegas)  
Joan Hall, Nevada Rural Healthcare Partners (Carson City)  
Heather Korbolic (teleconference)  
Hope Enad, Regent Care  
Bill War - College Park, Hearthstone, No. LV Care Center, So. Nevada, Horizon Health and Rehab  
James Morrison, Ensign Group

**Ex officio Members:**

Daniel Mathis, Nevada Health Care Association  
Robert Kidd, Perry Foundation

**Las Vegas attendees:**

Donna McCafferty, HCQC  
Kyle D. Devine, HCQC  
Rosanne Hoff, DHCFP  
Nanci Buntin, DHCFP  
Maki Muroi, DHCFP  
Donna McCafferty, HCQC  
Jennifer Frischmann, DHCFP  
Jessica Flen (teleconference)  
Adrian Forero  
Bill Mayer

**Carson City attendees:**

Kyle Devine, HCQC  
M. Jeanne Hesterlee, HCQC  
Sherry Crance, HCQC  
Nenita Wasserman, HCQC  
James Morrison

Bureau Topics – *Jeanne Hesterlee, Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC)*  
Legislative Update, *Paul Shubert, Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC)*

Paul Shubert noted that there were very few bills that were passed by the 2015 Legislature that affected skilled nursing facilities. Assembly Bill 242 was changed from a lot of requirements into an interim study. Senate Bill

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210 would have required facilities to be graded but that bill died. Continuing, Paul Shubert said there was a bill which would affect physicians in training but that will not affect skilled nursing facilities unless you have physicians in training in your facility.

#### **Discussion regarding the topic of medical marijuana.**

Dan Mathis said that nursing facilities are developing their policies and procedures regarding medical marijuana. There will be people who want it once the dispensaries are on board. The policies that he has seen they say that it is still against federal law and which makes it against federal law.

Donna McCafferty noted that ADCAC is also hesitant to incorporate policies related to medical marijuana or admitting medical marijuana clients.

Daniel Mathis said he does have an example from California.

There was no public comment on this item.

#### **Amendment of By-Laws**

Revision of Skilled Nursing Advisory Council By-Laws reducing the number of members.

**THERE WAS A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE SUGGESTED CHANGES FOR THE SKILLED NURSING ADVISORY COUNCIL BY-LAWS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **Introduction of candidates as potential new members.**

Jim Morrison, Ensign Group and Bill War, College Park, Hearststone, No. LV Care Center, So. Nevada, Horizon Health and Rehabilitation expressed interest in becoming new member of the SNAC as well as Brady Flygare, Mesquite HM who also submitted his resume and letter of interest although he was unable to attend today's meeting.

Jim Morrison, Ensign Group said that it would be an honor to be a member of the SNAC and looks forward to networking and helping with the group.

Bill War introduced himself and is honored to be considered as a member. He is interested in relationships and welcomes the opportunity.

**JOAN HALL MOVED TO ACCEPT THE THREE MEMBERS AS BOARD MEMBERS. HEATHER KORBULIC SECONDED THE MOTION. THE CHAIR CALLED FOR A VOTE. THERE WAS A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT ALL THREE MEMBERS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Updates from the Office of Public Health Informatics (OPHIE) Jessica Flen and Adrian Forero, Office of Public Health Informatics & Epidemiology (OPHIE)**

**Discussion regarding mandatory reporting to CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) effective for 2015 for Skilled Nursing facilities that meet the criteria.** Adrian Forero said that Kamisha Causvy would give this overview. As of January 1, 2015, NHSN, it became a mandate for skilled nursing facilities to report their catheter, urinary tract infections. In October 1, 2015, they will begin their healthcare reports and January 1, 2016 they will report CDF. They held a training in the north and south to explain how to report for the database. A reminder will be sent out to remind them to report the data. She explained that they are currently in the set up stage. If you have any questions, please send an email to: [KCausvy@health.nv.gov](mailto:KCausvy@health.nv.gov)

### **Infection Control Assessments, Delivery Methods and Modules included in Skilled Nursing Facility Tool.**

Jessica Flen gave an overview of the infection control assessments, delivery methods and modules. She said the first assessment has been completed. Recently, the modules have been updated which include the infection control program, communicable disease control, hygiene, safe injection practices, high level disinfections, employee health programs, environmental infection control, common infections between patients, pressure ulcers, and outbreak reporting. There is a short test at the end. There are 133 questions which are true/false which can be answered very quickly. A survey software is currently being used and is sent through email to administrators. Currently they are experiencing problems with firewalls.

In response to Donna Thorson, Jessica Flen said she did not know when that module would be sent out again.

**Health Insight updates which relate to skilled nursing industry:** *Donna Thorson, HealthInsigh*  
Donna Thorson said that the recruitment for the contract work as the quality improvement organization t is going well and she has 35 facilities participating. She noted that of those that are signed up, she has 15 signed up for the comprehensive safety unit based program for long-term care focused on catheter urinary tract infections. That work is part of a national project that is ongoing for a year. As a part of HealthInsight contract work, they are working with the Perry Foundation for the Admissions Transitions Authorization Program on infection control and dementia care. The next learning session will be in September and will have staff and patients look at getting immunized. The next module will be the anti-microbial session that is statewide which will look at antibiotics stewardship. They are also working with HCQC to develop a program to address falls.

**Update on any new Medicaid items relating to adult day care facilities, Home and Community Based Waivers, and Potential changes to Level of Care (LOC) and Minimum Data Set) MDS processes.** *Jennifer Frischmann, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) updates.*

Jennifer Frischmann requested that for future agendas that they put DHCFP updates on the agenda. She did not have any updates for LOC and MDS. There will be upcoming PASRR training and open it up to the facilities in August.

Jennifer Frischmann said there are some individuals that have some complexities where there are no facilities here that will accept these people. The hospitals need the acute beds. She said that a survey will be sent out that Long Term Care Acute Facilities. She said there are some pent up demands in the hospitals and no one will take these individual who have vent dialysis and do not have a place to go. These folks are stuck in an ICU and so Nevada Medicaid is looking to help promote these facilities. .

There was a roundtable discussion on the difficulty of finding a dialysis ventilator company.

Donna Thorson said she has been working with Bill Mayer and trying to help put into place a process the use of anti-psychotics. They are in the process of building structures to manage these types of behaviors appropriately in the buildings.

A member said that education would be very helpful regarding these tiered programs.

Jennifer Frischmann said if you having trouble with your claims, please do not wait until the last minute to contact me. Please reach out to HP, Jennifer Frischmann or Sandra, who can help facilitate some solution to you. If you do not know why your claim is denied, please contact us.

Karen Allen Carson Health and Human Services asked regarding the northern areas, are there any hospitals that are accepting the complex. Daniel Mathis said there is one facility on Koontz. The administrator is Denise Hiawitz.

**Nevada Health Care Association Dashboard:** *Daniel Mathis, Nevada Health Care Association*

Daniel sent out trends in citations for the Top 10 Federal and State Tags – Trends in citations. He noted that Nevada is double the national average of surveys.

Behavioral Acuity Indicators – Some of the data provided in the Nursing Characteristics report. Referring to Table 6 is the census or the occupancy information. Nevada has 53 totals, 4,000 patients, 6,048 beds, the plum building 150 beds coming online at the Kindred Building coming online this summer. The new VA in Northern Nevada which is two years out. He said there is one just approved in Carson Valley, a skilled nursing facility. There are about 600 beds that will be coming online.

If you look at the long term facility stats. Total direct care staffing is US average 3.75, Nevada came in 3.96 above the national average. Nevada has very sick patients. People are needed on the higher acuity issues.

Daniel Mathis said that the calculations for the five star report has changed so most facilities so one less star. Nevada overall has 16 of the 18 quality measure has improved over the last two years.

Daniel Mathis said A.B. 242 dis get approved. The majority and minority of each house will be on the legislative committee, will study post-acute care, alternatives to institutionalization for providing such care. This is our study to provide data, ideas, and share them with the legislators that will be a report that will be submitted to all the legislators.

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

Robert Kidd, President of the Perry Foundation reported that:

- NDS partner workshop to certify LPN, RN, is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 11 and 12.
- Life Quality Charity Golf fund raiser for memory on August 3, 2015 at Red Hawk.

**Future Meeting Dates:** September 1, 2015, December 1, 2015

**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 public comment under this item

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Meeting minutes approved by the full advisory council on September 1, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Nenita Wasserman