

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

Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2016

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

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Members:

David R. Campbell, Administrator, Lake Mead Health & Rehab Center, Co-Chair (teleconference)
Hope Enad, Regent Care Center (teleconference)
Brady Flygare, Mesquite HM Administrator (teleconference)
Donna Thorson, HealthInsight (Las Vegas)
James Morrison, Ensign Group (Carson City)
Bill War, College Park, Hearthstone, No LV Care, So. NV Horizon Health and Rehab (teleconference)

Ex officio Members:

Daniel Mathis, Nevada Health Care Association (Las Vegas)
Robert Kidd, Perry Foundation (Carson City)

Excused:

Joan Hall, Nevada Rural Healthcare Partners (Carson City)
Bina Hribik-Portello, Royal Care (Las Vegas)

Teleconference:

Soren Johnson, Mount Grant General Hospital

Carson City attendees:

M. Jeanne Hesterlee, HCQC
Sherry Crance, HCQC
Andrea Esp, Washoe County Health District
Karen Allen, Carson City Health and Human Services
Sean Walker, Rosewood

Approval of meeting minutes from December 1, 2015

**DONNA THORSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS
PRESENTED. HOPE ENAD SECONDED THE MOTION. MEETING MINUTES
WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Bureau Topics – *Jeanne Hesterlee, Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC)*

There was a discussion on the behaviorally complex rates used by facilities to keep residents in State of Nevada and eligibility of distinct partners of skilled nursing homes to use behavioral complex rate.

Daniel Mathis said that they do have facilities that will be participating.

Dave Campbell said that he has eight approved and have three that are applying for the behaviorally complex rates.

Bill War said he has 35 patients approved and is of the opinion there has been improvement in the process and that they are getting approved quicker.

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*

Daniel Mathis said there were two speakers who spoke about how post acute care is funded. Home health, hospice and HMO providers were in attendance. The Department Health Care Finance and Policy (DHCFP) addressed how the Medicare dollars flowed. The legislators were very engaged and asked appropriate questions. He commented there has been a request for input for the April 6, 2016 meeting. There will be specific legislative barriers providers are having that they would like to bring to the attention of the legislators.

Dave Campbell said he attended the hearing in Las Vegas. He sensed that the legislators seemed supportive of the need for additional funding.

Bill War said he got the same feeling that the legislators were understanding of the payment plan and reimbursement for Medicaid.

Health Insight updates which relate to skilled nursing industry:

Donna Thorson, HealthInsight commented that the outcomes of the closing Congress from ATOP and had some good presentations by several facilities which was poorly attended because there were not very many facilities. Those facilities Marquis, Plaza Regency, Royal Springs were thrilled with the work that they had done through the conference and the results that they had gotten. May 17 and May 19 is the next collaborative series for flip and flow for room prevention and mobility. Trying to get it to be more fun sounding so people may come.

Donna Thorson noted that she is working with Linda Mathis to create a webinar series to help the facilities with the loss of the four ADLs for quality measures. Linda will be giving two webinars for one hour each. What ADLs are and why it is important for the facilities should be looking at this. The second one will be what constitutes an effective restorative program. They will be looking at their systems and practices. After those sessions, there will be eight 30 minute session on each of the areas for nursing.

Things are going well and everyone is happy with the way they are partnering with the community.

Improvement in quality measures and decrease in infection control tags is the goal.

Update on any new information related to skilled nursing facilities.

Crystal Wren, Long Term Support Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy gave an update on skilled nursing facilities. They are actively pursuing the vent dialysis plan.

Updates related to skilled nursing facilities from Aging and Disability Services Division –

Jenn Williams Woods, Long Term Care Ombudsman (ADSD) said they are moving and the first official day will be March 14, 2016. The ADSD is moving and the new address is 9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 200, Reno, Nevada.

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

No updates for CMS.

Nevada Health Care Association Dashboard and provider issues:

Daniel Mathis, Nevada Health Care Association said he was trying to update the dashboard for the trend tracker system. He created six examples of reports that he can put together which he distributed as a handout to the advisory council. It is a web page system and encouraging individual providers to access for a reliable source for their data comparisons. He can include free standing facilities, nonprofit, for profit, government data collected by CMS.

Daniel added that he is trying to find want something rural versus city, he can create those reports and have them self-generating and it will send out to everyone. Other reports such as the Nursing Measure, Hospital readmissions, Casper reports will be combined with health survey, standard health survey, life safety survey, resident and staffing reports.

He said he can compare ourselves to the nation, any state or group of states, city limits, and congressional districts and legislative districts for Nevada.

- a. CASPER Citation Report: Combined Health Survey
- b. CASPER Citation Report: Standard Health Survey
- c. CASPER Citation Report: Life Safety Survey
- d. CASPER Resident Report
- e. CASPER Staffing Report
- f. Quality Measure (All) Report
- g. Behavioral Update

In response to Bina's question if the respiratory therapy hours could be included, Daniel said he would see if he could get that included on the next report.

Daniel Mathis asked if someone on the compliance side could volunteer to make a list for things to input for the survey.

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

Robert Kidd reported there is new collaboration with ATOP. Most of you know about a couple grants that are pending, health education for skilled nursing facilities, approved through HCQC and are currently being reviewed.

Ports and Kegs fundraiser will be held in Reno.
Deborah awards will be a separate date. June 2, 2016 Reno at the Nugget
June 8, 2016 Culinary Event Center, Las Vegas

Future Meeting Dates: June 7, 2016, September 6, 2016 and December 6, 2016

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 under this item.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:55 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the June 7, 2016 meeting.