

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
SKILLED NURSING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Summary Minutes
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 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

Members:

David R. Campbell, Administrator, Lake Mead Health & Rehab Center, Chair
Hope Enad, Manor Care
Brady Flygare, Mesquite HM Administrator (Las Vegas)
Donna Thorson, HealthInsight (Las Vegas)
Bill War, College Park, Hearthstone, No LV Care, So. NV Horizon Health and Rehab

Ex officio Members:

Robert Kidd, Perry Foundation (Carson City)

Members Absent:

Bina Hribik-Portello, Kindred (Las Vegas)
Joan Hall, Nevada Rural Healthcare Partners (Carson City)
Ex officio Member: Robert Kidd, Perry Foundation

Las Vegas Attendees:

Carson City:

Kyle Devine, Bureau Chief
M. Jeanne Hesterlee, HCQC
Sherry Crance, HCQC
Andrea Esp, Washoe County Health District
Nathan Orme, HCQC
Roseanne Hoff, DHCFP
Nenita Wasserman, HCQC

Approval of meeting minutes from March 1, 2016

Andrea Esp requested to have her name corrected on March 1, 2016 minutes.

**THE CHAIR ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES AS
CORRECTED. THERE WAS A SECOND TO THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Make Recommendation for Renewal of Skilled Nursing Advisory Council two-year appointments:

- Dave Campbell, Chair
- Donna Thorson, HealthInsight -

- Bina Hribik Portello, Regional Lifecare of America
- Joan Hall, Nevada Rural Healthcare Partners
- Hope Enad, Manor Care

A MOTION WAS MADE TO CONTINUE THE TWO YEAR APPOINTMENTS FOR ALL MEMBERS LISTED BY DONNA THORSON. SECONDED BY BILL WAR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Nomination of new members to Skilled Nursing Advisory Council

Sean Walker, Rosewood

Soren A. Johnson, Mount Grant General Hospital

THERE WAS MOTION TO ACCEPT SEAN WALKER AND SOREN A. JOHNSON, TO BE ON THE SKILLED NURSING ADVISORY COUNCIL. THERE WAS A SECOND. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Jeanne Hesterlee said that the use of behaviorally complex rates by facilities to keep residents in State of Nevada and eligibility of distinct partners of skilled nursing homes has increased. She reviewed the following statistics for Nevada.

- Use of unnecessary meds – Nevada is currently ranked 16th in the country which is an improvement from last year.
- 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, David R. Campbell* - The last meeting that they had was mostly finance for most acute care services. The bureaus participation in that meeting was limited.

Update on staff changes at the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance

Jeanne Hesterlee introduced Nathan Orme, Education and Public Information Officer for the Bureau. She said that he has been updating our website and helping with making it more user friendly. She also noted that Donna McCafferty retired in February 2016 and has been replaced by Paul Shubert. He is the new Health Program Office and Deputy Bureau Chief.

Jeanne Hesterlee gave an update on new electronic licensing and information system called CLICS. There have been two trainings given so far; one in the north and one to the south. She noted that all licensure changes for applications, payments, will be done electronically as well as all renewals will be done by email. Staff are currently working to get everyone registered. She said so far there are 200 out of 1400 facilities registered. If anyone has any questions regarding CLICs, please contact the office.

David R. Campbell commented he attended the training and looked forward to be able to submit their plans of correction online.

As inspectors complete their inspections, Jeanne Hesterlee explained they will be handing out detailed instructions on how to access the statement of deficiencies online. The federal portion will not be set up electronically yet. Most facilities have a state licensure component to the statement of deficiencies. She commented that the facilities will be able to respond to statement of deficiencies from the comfort of their own home and it will be very user friendly.

Health Insight updates which relate to skilled nursing industry:

Donna Thorson, HealthInsight said that they are currently recruiting nursing homes to be reporting into the national health care safety network at HSN. Nevada is the only state that mandates this. CMS is requiring that all states have 15 percent of their nursing homes register so that they can have a national baseline for the

Nevada is the only state that requires that nursing homes report in there. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services CMS is looking for every state to recruit nursing homes so they can create a baseline for the infections rate by having every state recruit 15 percent of their nursing homes. For Nevada, that would be eight facilities but she is encouraging all nursing homes to participate. The first session of Flip and Float was successful and they will try to do that again in August. The last piece will be for the fall prevention program that they are receiving monies from the state and CMS.

Update on any new information related to skilled nursing facilities.

Roseanne Hoff, Long Term Support Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) reported that CMS is currently soliciting stakeholder feedback on two candidates long term care for hospital Ventilator Weaning Quality Measures. They are introducing an outcome measure and a process measure for public comment. Annual Cost Care Report for 2016 for skilled nursing shows Nevada trends increasing statewide. A letter has been sent out to all facilities including facilities for intellectually disabled starting July 1, 2016 going to an automated electronic process.

Updates related to skilled nursing facilities from Aging and Disability Services Division – Jenn Williams Woods, Long Term Care Ombudsman (ADSD)

There was no comment under this item.

“Veterans In Care (VIC)”

Wendy Simons, Deputy Administrator, Nevada State Veterans Services, gave an overview of the new Veterans in Care (VIC) program which will be rolling out in the Summer of 2016. The newly established VIC initiative was launched in May of 2016 with the mission to reach out to all skilled care facilities, residential care/assisted living facilities and outreach to over 400 providers in the state. The next step will be to reach out to community based care service facilities and programs to locate our veterans needing and receiving care and services. This will allow the NDVS to collect data that had not been researched before. A letter was sent to all licensed administrators of SNF and RCF/AL facilities in Nevada, requesting information on the location of our veterans in their facilities, how many are receiving benefits and how many are enrolled in the VA medical center system. They are continuing to reach out to providers to assure a broad response.

The vision of VIC at this time encompasses three components: benefits and Programs; Veteran Culture Education and training; and Quality of Life Recognition and Communication.

Update on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Crystal Wren, Long Term Support Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

There was no comment under this item.

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

Donna Thorson said a grant was received for music therapy and there kick off for this project at the Louis Ruvo brain center. She also noted they will be having their Endeavor Awards at the Las Vegas Culinary Center tomorrow as well.

Topics for the next meeting *David R. Campbell*

A request for agenda items will be sent out before the next meeting.

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.

No one wished to say anything under public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:47 p.m.