

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health**  
**SKILLED NURSING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (SNAC)**  
**DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

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

**MEETING LOCATIONS**

**Videoconference to:**

Division of Public and Behavioral Health	Division of Public and Behavioral Health
727 Fairview Drive, Suite E	4220 South Maryland Parkway, Building D, Rm 810
Carson City, Nevada 89701	Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

**Attendees: 1**

Hope Enad, Northern Nevada State Veterans Home, Co-Chair North  
Donna Thorson, HealthInsight, Co-Chair South  
Brady B. Flygare, Desert Care Facilities  
Robin Gillis, Harmony Manor/Humboldt General Hospital  
Joan S. Hall, Nevada Rural Healthcare Partners  
Douglas Hopkins, Rosewood Rehabilitation  
Daniel Mathis, Pure Care Living  
Bina Hribik-Portello, Royal Springs HealthCare and Rehab  
Anthony J. Morella, Lake Mead Health and Rehabilitation  
Brett Salmon, President, Nevada Health Care Association  
Ex officio Member: Robert Kidd, Perry Foundation

**Approval of meeting minutes:**

ANTHONY MORELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2018. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JOAN HALL. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Approval of Membership renewal that expire March 2019:**

- Anthony J. Morella

THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPROVE ANTHONY J. MORELLA FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS. MOTION WAS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Bureau Topics –M. Jeanne Hesterlee, Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC) Infection Control in your facility has been added to the regulations.**

Jeanne Hesterlee gave an update on the health facility assessment for infection control.

**Top Ten Tags for skilled nursing facilities.** Dorothy Sims, HCQC said she would send the top ten tags out by email.

**Discussion on topics for legislative update, blog/education/fact sheets and other updates**

Nathan Orme, Education and Public Information Officer said that for general information to go to [DPBH.nv.gov](http://DPBH.nv.gov) and then type a backslash skilled nursing will automatically take you to the health facilities page. Each page will be a little more easy to access for the public with more detailed

instructions. He said he would make sure he sends out the new infection control information out to all licensees.

Kimisha Causey commented on reportable condition Carbapenem-resistant enterobacteriaceae (CRE) which is part of LCB File no R187-18. The next step in making CRE a reportable condition is the Board of Health hearing March 8, 2019 at 9:00am. The hearing will be held at the Department of Public and Behavioral Health, 4150 Technology Way Room # 303, Carson City, NV 89706 and Grant Sawyer Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave. Room # 5100, Las Vegas, NV 89101. This hearing also includes other changes to Chapter 441A of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides different guidelines for CRE and carbapenemase producing (CP-CRE) containment for patients within Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), based on the condition of the patient, if they are ambulatory, able to perform hand hygiene, contain their stool and secretions and are less dependent on healthcare personnel for activities of their daily living, these patients are considered to be at a lower risk for transmission and do not need to be restricted from common gatherings in the SNF. High Risk patients in a skilled facility are those who are ventilator dependent (even if not in a ventilator unit), are incontinent, and/or have draining secretions or draining wounds that cannot be controlled. We are available to come to your facility to provide infection prevention training, outbreak guidance, CRE training and any other assistance that is needed. Although they are a State agency, they are non-punitive and here for you. She said she can be reached at [kcausey@health.nv.gov](mailto:kcausey@health.nv.gov) or 702-486-3568.

Donna S. Thorson, Co-Chair said she would send out the web site on current information that may be of interest.

### **Update on upcoming education classes and other items related to skilled nursing, provided by the Perry Foundation:**

Robert Kidd, President of the Perry Foundation said to submit your nominees for the upcoming awards. He noted there are CNA classes that the Perry Foundation is providing.

Donna Thorson asked if they are doing a restorative aid program yet, Mr. Kidd responded they are trying to work on a 16-hour program but it has taken a back seat to the CAN.

### **Medication Management Program**

Robin asked if there as an update for medication certification program. Mr. Kidd said they were trying to find a legislator to help champion for the program. There is a report from Renown that will hopefully help them.

Updates from Health Insight – Co-Chair Donna Thorson – On April 8, there will be a new name. HealthInsight is trying to integrate everything as the combined company and will announce the name at that time.

There is an opportunity with State and Medicare, Healthy Nevada is to provide funding for health information exchange. To qualify you have to be a nursing home with 30 percent of Medicaid residents. First year for subscription is included. You may get up to 2000 for inbound and outbound interfaces. Contact Donna Thorson and she will send you the information. Deadline: June 30.

Continuing, Donna Thorson said that on March 21, they are partnering with our other states including Oregon, Utah and New Mexico to do a summit. Nevada Medicaid will be sharing information about our behavioral tiers. The Oregon Health facility will discuss the echo health support program. She said she was looking forward to learning about the other states.

Robin Gillis asked if HealthInsight training satisfies the infection prevention training.

**Medicaid, impact of supplemental payment programs on quality of care** (quality measures, MDS accuracy, behaviorally complex rate).

Kristin Coulombe or Laurie Bauer, DHCFP and Michael Gordon who oversee MDS. She said she would give a brief overview.

Laurie Bauer and Michael Gordon reviewed MDS requirements.

Laurie Bauer said they have gone out to 14 facilities in the north, 29 in the south. The result of the statistics is quite different geographical. Accuracy rate of 98 percent with the lowest accuracy was 57 percent. They take a census the day they arrive and review 20 percent of the records. They may review 10 to 45 records. There has been a lot of growth since MDS 2.0 first rolled out.

Brady said he has had good reviews with Medicaid and the surveyors were very helpful which is a positive change since the past two years.

Laurie Bauer said the information needed is rather complex and they are available for training in your facilities.

Robyn Gillis asked for contact information and need more education on the case review.

Donna Thorson asked for the list of documentation requirements and please send me the link. You train people when you have Brown Bag meetings can you let us know where they are struggling as well.

Michael Gordon said that they can collaborate with Health Insight on this.

Donna Thorson said supplemental payments for quality and want to be able to help facilities get that.

Topics for the next meeting September 24, 2019  
PBMT updates for 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.

There was no public comment.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.