

Nursing Home Oversight Working Group Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2018

Members:

Monica Hutt Pam Cota Lindsay Gillette Steve Monde Sean Londergan Laura Pelosi Diane Novak
 Judy Morton

Staff: Camille George Candace Morgan Stuart Schurr Liz Perreault

Members of the Public: Andrew Bachand, Toby Howe

Invited Guests: none

Topic	Discussion	Action
Overview of Agenda/Questions	Candace Morgan asked if there were any changes needed to be made to the September 14 minutes. No changes were needed.	September 14 minutes were passed as written.
Review Email from the Joint Commission –re: accreditation of nursing homes	Monica Hutt received an email from the Joint Commission soliciting whether Vermont would be interested in having an accreditation process added to our oversight of nursing homes. The group discussed the idea and decided that it was not an appropriate time to consider because the charge for this group is very specific from the legislature.	The group decided to not look further into accreditation with Joint Commission.
Brainstorm: What are the crucial elements necessary to review and approve a transfer of ownership? Do those elements relate most closely to a licensing process or a transfer process?	<p>Candace Morgan took down the brainstorming ideas on easel paper as the group discussed all the things they feel are important to the insurance of stability and quality of care when a nursing home is purchased by new owners without overburdening the potential owners in the process.</p> <p>Some things that bubbled up are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current interim process elements should be included in full in the recommendation to the legislature • The process should include a more extensive cash flow analysis – more than what is provided to secure financing- there is much debate whether that has any value • We may want to consider asking for examples of specific policies to review in order to have better insight to the type of management that currently exists- this also is debated as a need since facilities already have to have certain policies in place to fulfill State and CMS regulations • The idea to have every transfer become a provisional license for a period of time 	The group agrees that it seems that only requiring a 1040 tax form would be sufficient when requiring a personal tax return from potential buyers.

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- Should the transfer piece be purely financial and the quality fall under the licensing process

Upcoming Meetings

During the brainstorming session, some questions came up around what other states are doing and if a clear outline of what should be asked for from a potential buyer of a nursing home for financial documentation can be created. Members of the group will look into these issues and come back to the group to discuss in full at the next meeting on October 12.

Lindsay Gillette and Andy Bachand will work together to create a structure for the proposed financial cash flow request.

Toby Howe and Laura Pelosi will look into how other states handle transfer of ownership.

Monica Hutt will speak with Pam Cota on what quality elements of the current Interim Process could be moved into the licensing process and how much of a workload that would create for S&C. Also, what Pam's opinion is on whether the financial and quality pieces can be separated out.