

Nursing Home Oversight Working Group Meeting Minutes

November 9, 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, Rebecca Chalifoux, Kathleen Denette

Members of the Public: Andrew Bachand, Toby Howe

Invited Guests: none

Topic	Discussion	Action
Review and Approval of Minutes	The work group reviewed the list of suggested changes Lindsay Gillette proposed to make to the October 31 meeting minutes.	Since there are several work group members missing, the approval of minutes was tabled until the missing members could also review the proposed changes.
Update- Separation of Quality Criteria and Licensing		Discussion was tabled until next meeting when all WG members could be present.
Review and Discussion Division of Rate Setting Financial Transfer of Ownership Proposal	AHS is having ongoing internal discussions about how this should look.	Once there is consensus, which should be by the time we come back from Thanksgiving break, that proposal will be brought to the full working group.
Discussion: What additional financial information is necessary to monitor ongoing financial stability; what process might we use; who is the appropriate entity?	The additional financial information that could indicate a lack of financial health for a facility would be: the monthly census; being informed by the facility of any change in vendors due to non-payment; if the property is refinanced, separation between property and business or sold to REIT. Even though this information does get reported, those reports are long after the fact. To have this information useful in heading off any adverse consequences from these potential indicators, these things would have to be reported as it was happening.	Some indicators of a facilities poor financial health have been identified, however what the process would be and who the appropriate entity to report to is still to be determined. Stuart Schurr will look at the reapplication for facilities to see if the appropriate information is being asked for when there is a change of ownership.
Other Comments/Topics	Payments to facilities from Medicaid are sent with long delays and inconsistency. This can tax a facilities financial flow. If a facility has a resident who is in the process of applying for Medicaid and is denied, the nursing home has to write the non-payment of services off. There isn't any protection to the nursing home.	Candace Morgan will look into how this process can improve at an Agency level. Candace will follow up with DVHA to discuss this at the next NHOWG meeting.
Next Meeting		By the November 26 meeting, Candace is hoping to present a more flushed out transfer process, from the Agency perspective, to discuss as a whole group.