

# Nursing Home Oversight Working Group Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2018

## Members:

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**Members of the Public:** Andrew Bachand, Toby Howe

**Invited Guests:** none

Topic	Discussion	Action
Review Agenda and Minutes and Approval of Minutes	The December 7, 2018 minutes were reviewed and the word “critical” was changed to “clinical” in section 2, paragraph 3 and 4.	Minutes were approved with correction.
Review AHS Consensus Proposal for Transfer of Ownership Process	<p>The rough draft of the required report that will go to the legislature was handed out for review.</p> <p>Each section was looked at and some of the wordsmithing that came up was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On page 3, at the top of the page, the wordage “financial standing” was used, change to “financial strength”</li><li>• Page 3, C – eliminate i. through iii.</li><li>• Page 3, E – include that the audit required includes “notes and opinion”</li><li>• Page 3, E, i. - word it to state “if an audit was not performed”</li><li>• Page 6, number 7 – clarify “systems needing improvement” and state “care and physical systems needing improvement”</li><li>• Page 6, A, add to “the independent consultant” to further read, “approved by the State...”</li><li>• Page 6, B, suggested additions were:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Consider management prior to purchase</li><li>2. Having multi facility purchases considerations</li><li>3. If implementing the need for a consultant, have another face to face meeting</li></ol></li><li>• Page 6, B V. and vi. – use the word “information” instead of “feedback”</li></ul> <p>The report names a “Financial Review Committee” that includes a legal review. This committee will be developed at a later date.</p>	

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Discuss Parameters for Ongoing Financial Review	<p>Each section was looked at and some of the wordsmithing that came up was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Page 9, B – move census review to the chart on page 8</li><li>• The ongoing financial review should remain with DVHA</li></ul>	
Discuss Final Recommendations for Rates Proposal	<p>There is a broad group of residents that require a substantial amount of attention but because they are not considered “extraordinary” the rate a facility is reimbursed for to care for them is minimal even though the amount of resources that is used to care for them is high.</p> <p>There is a CMS rule change that will take place in 2020 that directly effect rates.</p>	<p>Rebecca will write a paragraph on PD PM Case Mix Model</p>
Discuss Draft Outline for the Legislative Report	<p>In the report, there should be statements on changing the occupancy to a lower percentage and the reimbursement rates need to improve.</p> <p>There is a need for a tightening up of language and providing clarity in some areas.</p>	<p>The group agreed that the draft report reflects the process and content that is needed.</p> <p>From this point on, the draft document will be edited for clarity by the group through email. There will not be any substantive changes to the content, except to include a fee structure for applying for a Transfer of Ownership.</p>

