

Nursing Home Oversight Working Group Meeting Minutes

September 14, 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

Invited Guests: Donna Jerry, Judy Henkin and Kristin Clouser

Topic	Discussion	Action
Overview of Agenda/Questions		The August 28, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with edits to delineate staff vs working group members.
CON vs. Interim Transfer of Ownership Process Comparison Discussion of Processes in Other States	<p>The working group heard from Donna Jerry, Senior Health Policy Analyst and Judy Henkin, General Council, from the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB) about the process that GMCB used in vetting buyers of nursing homes through the Certificate of Need (CON) process. The working group also asked if the interim process that Agency of Human Services (AHS) is currently using for nursing home facilities undergoing a transfer of ownership and the process GMCB used, align. After review, it was confirmed that the two processes do align.</p> <p>The CON process was created nationally in the 1970s but the GMCB does not know what other states do to implement the process as it relates to transfer of ownership for existing nursing homes. Delaware requires all facilities to go through the process and may be a good resource.</p> <p>DAIL's Survey and Certification (S&C) Unit oversees quality assurance for facilities once they are sold and apply for a license through the state, however, it seems important to separate the decision to approve a purchase from the licensing and quality review processes. The goal when a facility is purchased is that there is stability and quality.</p>	<p>Donna Jerry will send Monica the GMCB document with the list of standards to share with the group.</p> <p>Monica Hutt will send Donna Jerry the AHS interim process.</p>
Brainstorm: What are the crucial elements necessary to review and approve a transfer	This portion of the meeting has been tabled until the next meeting, Wednesday, September 26.	The September 26 meeting has

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of ownership? Do those elements relate most closely to a licensing process or a transfer process?

been extended by ½ hour.

Public Comment

Andrew Bachand asked if there were a mid-level quality buyer, how would this process handle that?

This is another example of why the criteria that is developed will need to be very clear so that there is a consistent way to evaluate a buyers ability to create and/or maintain a certain level of care that the state expects.
