

Nursing Home Oversight Working Group Meeting Minutes

August 28, 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: none

Topic	Discussion	Action
Overview of Agenda/Questions	<p>A member raised the question whether there will be mileage reimbursement and stipend available? Commissioner Hutt affirmed that yes, mileage will be reimbursed, and a stipend will be available if requested.</p> <p>Global areas of attention from the legislation were reviewed. The buckets identified by Candace appeared to be an accurate overview of what this group has been charged with by the Legislature. No additions were made.</p>	Liz Perreault will send a mileage reimbursement form to members that qualify for that reimbursement and who request the form.
Overview of Legislation and Timeline: Main Topics to be Discussed	<p>The Nursing Home Oversight Working Group (NHOWG) will have to complete the report and send to the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare on or before January 15, 2109. The draft report will need to be completed by mid-December for internal review.</p> <p>Until there is a permanent Certificate of Need (CON) process in place, the current interim process will continue.</p> <p>There was discussion about using the interim process as a jumping off place for the recommendations in the final report. Some concerns were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Timelines in the application process need to be reasonable to ensure timely responses to potential purchasers. 2. A mechanism should be created where applicants can identify changes from what they proposed in the application process and there should also be a way to hold the applicants accountable for commitments they make in the application process. 	
Upcoming Meetings	The working group would like to invite a Green Mountain Care Board member to the next meeting, Friday, September 14 for insight into	Monica Hutt will invite a member from the GMCB to the meeting on 9/14/18.

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the process the board used in reviewing applications through the Certificate of Need process and to compare that process to what AHS is currently doing in the interim.

At the meeting on Wednesday, September 26, the group will identify areas of consideration in guaranteeing health, safety and quality and list what fits into each of these categories:
Transfer of Ownership/Licensure/What needs ongoing monitoring/who is responsible for it.

At a future meeting the topic of public input should be discussed in regard to how and where it will fit in the created process for reviewing licensure and re-licensure.
