

Home Care and Assisted Living Program Advisory Council Minutes

JANUARY 22, 2024

Attendees

Council members:

- Genevieve Gaboriault
- Jarrod Peterson
- Anna Petersmeyer
- Samiira Isse
- Karen Web
- Michaun Shetler
- Patricia Fitzgibbon

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH):

- Daphne Ponds

Public: Many attendees via conference call

Agenda

- Welcome & Meeting Introduction
- 2019 Advisory Council Recommendations
- Discussion for 2024 Recommendations
- 2024 Advisory Council Meeting Schedule

Welcome

Daphne Ponds, chair to the Advisory Council, welcomed the Council Members and New Council Members. Council Members were unmuted and encouraged to speak freely while public attendees were muted to reduce distractions but were encouraged to place any comments or questions in the chat feature.

Daphne reviewed the agenda – please see coinciding PowerPoint presentation available on the Home Care and Assisted Living Advisory Council webpage.

2019 Advisory Council Recommendations

The Council Members continued discussions on the topics carried over from the December 11, 2024, meeting. Council Members diligently reviewed recommendations 1-8 from 2019, with a particular focus on recommendation 7. Jarrod Peterson emphasized that the most cited items from recommendation 7 warrant a more in-depth examination. He highlighted the ongoing efforts of the Collaborative Safety Project, emphasizing its role in addressing the top 10 issues identified.

Please see coinciding PowerPoint presentation on slides 6-14.

Discussion for 2024 Recommendations

Council Members discussed the ongoing effort to address portability and suggested presenting ideas to the commissioner for recommendations. Emphasis was placed on recommendations 4-6, focusing on the portability of training for assisted living providers to streamline processes and ease staffing challenges.

Council Members raised concern about the additional cost of DHS NetStudy for background checks, particularly in rural areas, with a mention of difficulties in fingerprinting. The barrier of TB testing causing delays in staff start dates was highlighted as well.

Small residential home assisted living facilities faced egress window issues, and MDH acknowledged the significant cost for small providers, and are working with providers on safety plans in place of immediate orders. Genevieve Gaboriault proposed the idea of a third round of grants for various need, including music therapy and egress windows.

Council Members advocated for a more collaborative relationship between assisted living providers and surveyors. Daphne shared MDH sends a feedback survey link to providers after completion of survey, and this has provided MDH valuable and appreciated information. Council members continued discussions centered on joint provider-surveyor training and addressing training needs.

MDH efforts in providing education and training material were discussed, including an understanding of what training material providers need and are in higher demand. Michaun Shetler highlighted resident rights, compliance, and addressing issues like bedrails and emergency preparedness. Jarrod proposed building a toolkit for new licensees, and discussions began on 2024 recommendations, with plans for council members to work on a list to present to the commissioner.

2024 Advisory Council Meeting Schedule

- March 11, 2024
- June 10, 2024
- September 9, 2024
- December 9, 2024

Next Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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