



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE REGULATION
525 W. JEFFERSON, SPRINGFIELD, IL.
LONG TERM CARE FACILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 20, 2020 • 10:00 AM

Approved Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order and Introductions:

Dan Levad called the board meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patrick Baalke*, Mike Bibo*, Karen Christensen*, Dr. Albert Maurer*, Dr. Alma Labunski*, Caroline Chapman*, Donna Ginther (proxy for Ron Nunziato*), Larry Eaton, James Eddings Jr., Kelly Richards, Elizabeth Lithilia (proxy for Mark McCurdy)
***Indicates voting member**

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Ron Nunziato*, Martin Gorbien*, Mark McCurdy
***Indicates voting member**

IDPH REPRESENTATIVES: Jennifer Uhles, Erin Conley, Sean Dailey, George Logan, Sara Wilcockson, Betty Stewart, Michelle Millard, Dan Levad

GUESTS: Kevin Taylor, Chick Miller, Sarah Stein, Kim Palermo, Pat Comstock, Matt Hartman, Kirk Riva

A quorum was established at 10:12 a.m.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mike Bibo motions to approve the June 25, 2020 meeting minutes with grammatical errors and typos corrected. Dr. Maurer seconded the motion.

III. Public Comments - None

IV. Old Business

A. COVID-19 Brief Discussion

- Dan Levad discussed the Siren report dated August 14, 2020 that provided additional information regarding re-opening
- The Department has had multiple meetings discussing the survey process

regarding complaint investigations. There is an upcoming meeting scheduled with CMS to discuss the annual survey process that has been on hold since March. Mr. Levad discussed three to five-day surveys that focus on infection control, (the survey addresses issues that are highlighted during the surveyors' entrance).

- Donna Ginther asked about the survey listing that Federal CMS provides the Department on a Friday night – are these federal infection control surveys that need done? Or are these surveys that are being done? Per Mr. Levad – both.
- Ms. Ginther asks about the prioritization regarding surveys being done. Betty Stewart states past due annual inspections are being scheduled first, then probationary licenses. Ms. Ginther to provide Ms. Stewart with a list of surveys to check on scheduling.
- Mike Bibo asks Ms. Stewart about initial certification surveys. Per Ms. Stewart, those are being done as well. Ms. Stewart asks Mr. Bibo to provide her a list if he has scheduling questions.
- Discussion regarding moving forward as a team, communication importance.
- Ms. Ginther asks about the phase out of temporary nursing assistants. She doesn't know what these facilities will do if having to give up these assistants. Mr. Levad will pass this information along and take that under advisement.

V. New Business

A. Past Non-Compliance (Ron Nunziato)

- Donna Ginther, as Mr. Nunziato's proxy, states Mr. Nunziato stated he had discussed this with people in the department about past non-compliance issues. Decided to include this on the next agenda that he will be attending. Ms. Ginther will reach out to Mr. Nunziato and ask that he provides his questions in writing.

B. Substantiated Complaints without findings (Ron Nunziato)

- Mr. Levad discussed unsubstantiated complaints. A complaint can be substantiated as it did occur, but unsubstantiated as no deficiencies were noted upon inspection. IDPH can agree that the allegation was there but there is no finding under the 2567.

Dr. Maurer asks about progress regarding the informed consent form. Per Jennifer Uhles, the Department is still working on their responses for the first notice comments and the informed consent is still part of that. George Logan agrees. Donna Ginther states the rules process was in play when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and asks if the Department is still taking comments on the rules that were in first notice. Erin Conley states the 45-day comment period is a statutory minimum, not maximum. The rules are still at first notice until they are moved to second notice. Comments can be submitted until the rules are moved to second notice. Ms. Conley

recommends comments be submitted as soon as possible as the Department is in the process of evaluating the comments received.

VI. Adjourn

Board members agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:43AM.

VII. Next Meeting

The Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.