



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

Thursday, November 19, 2020 • 10:00 AM

Approved Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order and Introductions:

- Chairperson Betty Stewart called the board meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
- **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patrick Baalke*, Mike Bibo*, Tim Bledsoe (proxy for Karen Christensen*), Dr. Albert Maurer*, Dr. Alma Labunski*, Caroline Chapman*, Larry Eaton, Kelly Richards, Ron Nunziato*, Martin Gorbien*, Mark McCurdy
***Indicates voting member**
All members in attendance by WebEx
- **MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Karen Christensen*, James Eddings Jr (absent but sent notice to DPH he is no longer associated with DHS)
***Indicates voting member**
- **IDPH REPRESENTATIVES:** Jennifer Uhles, Sean Dailey, George Logan, Sara Wilcockson, Betty Stewart, Michelle Millard, Laura Vaught, Dan Levad, Joanne Olson, Lindsay Miller
- **GUESTS:** Tamra Holland
- A quorum was established at 10:03 a.m.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Caroline Chapman motions to approve both the August 20, 2020 meeting minutes and the October 29, 2020 Special meeting minutes with no corrections. Dr. Labunski seconded the motion.

III. Public Comments

- Tamra Holland of Springfield described the isolating effects of nursing home visitation restrictions on mother and mother-in-law and requested compassionate care visits to be mandated.

IV. Old Business

- Brief COVID-19 Discussion
 - i. Ron Nunziato inquired about additional meetings to discuss concerns with testing rules presented at 10/29 special meeting. Laura Vaught said IDPH will file emergency testing rules not permanent rules for all LTC facilities licensed by IDPH.
 - ii. Betty Stewart provided information on status of Infection Control surveys in facilities – this week 146 facilities are on the survey list and the Department must survey within 3-5 days. Health Facility Survey Nurse's will be tested soon as protocol being developed.
 - iii. Annual and certification surveys are being resumed; some are being scheduled but must be cautious to have surveyors remain too long in the facilities.

V. **New Business**

- Past Non-Compliance and other items for this body to review and discuss (Ron Nunziato)
 - i. Surveyors do not clearly understand what “past noncompliance” means.
 - ii. Process of substantiating a concern but results in no violation, i.e., something happened- but by no fault of the facility. Many other States use both of these and IL does not use (often) or it appears surveyors understand.
 - iii. Would also like to get re-visits on the agenda to discuss timeliness of revisits based on the CMS change to 14 days of compliance or Stop Payment is result. Often when a revisit is necessary and IDPH does not come in timely- complaints often come in and the complaint is counted as the revisit and then you are out of compliance based on this new CMS change. Requested an in-service with providers and DPH about definition and how it is applied. Michelle provided some explanation.

- Approval of meeting dates for 2021
 - i. February 18, 2021
 - ii. May 20, 2021 (Corrected from May 21)
 - iii. August 19, 2021
 - iv. November 18, 2021
 - 1. Ron motion to approve
 - 2. Dr. Maurer motion to second
 - 3. Dates Approved

- Tentative meeting dates for 2022
 - i. February 17, 2022
 - ii. May 19, 2022
 - iii. August 18, 2022
 - iv. November 17, 2022

VI. Adjourn

- Betty Stewart adjourn meeting at 10:34 AM

VII. Next Board Meeting:

- Next Long-Term Care Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2021 at 10:00 am.
- Email all agenda items to Lindsay Miller at Lindsay.A.Miller@illinois.gov by February 10, 2021.
- Confirm attendance or designated proxy to Lindsay Miller no later than February 11, 2021.