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DELAWARE NURSING HOME RESIDENTS QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION  
Legislative/Advocacy Subcommittee  
In-person & Virtual Meeting  
Cisco Webex  
Anchor Location: Juniper (The Vero @  
Newark)  
924 Barksdale Rd Newark, DE 19711  
**Meeting of April 12, 2024 @ 1:00 pm**  
FINAL

Subcommittee members present: Cheryl Heiks, Mary Peterson, RN, Chris Marques, Esquire. Subcommittee members attended virtually. A quorum of subcommittee members was present.

Subcommittee members not in attendance: Dr. Avani Virani, MD

Others Present: Margaret Bailey, DNHRQAC Executive Director (in-person) and Lisa Furber, DNHRQAC Chair.,

1. Call to order

This meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm.

2. Approval of minutes

The subcommittee meeting minutes draft of March 15, 2024 were approved as written.

3. Discussion of:

Prior to the meeting, Ms. Bailey forward applicable links and feedback for the following legislation:

Senate Bill (SB) 150 w/Senate Substitution (SS)1, SB 151 w/SS 1, SB 215 w/ Senate Amendment (SA) 1 & SA2, SB 216 w/SA 1, SB 217 and House Bill (HB) 300.

In summary:

SB 215 focuses on State inspections of long-term care facilities

SB 216 focuses on civil monetary penalties

SB 217 focuses on financial assistance for education

HB 300 focuses on assisted living facilities

SB 150 focuses on dementia care services in Long Term Care (LTC) facilities

SB 151 focuses on mandatory disclosure of information in LTC facilities w/ dementia care services

SB 215 w/SA 1 & SA2 & SB 216 w/SA1 were heard in Delaware Senate Health & Social Service Committee on March 27, 2024. Ms. Peterson and Ms. Bailey provided public testimony on both bills. Ms. Heiks testified on both bills as a representative of the industry.

Subcommittee members were all in agreement regarding feedback w/ minor edits for the following legislation: SB 215 w/ SA 1 & SA2, SB 216 w/SA 1 and SB 217.

As a result, subcommittee members will be sharing feedback for these three bills (SB 215, SB 216 & SB 217) during full DNHRQAC Meeting of April 19, 2024.

Ms. Peterson offered to make the minor edits for pending legislation. Once edits occur, the legislative feedback will be circulated back to subcommittee members and brought forward for vote during full commission meeting of 4/19/2024.

Subcommittee members discussed HB 300 but were not able to come to an agreement regarding feedback. As a result, Ms. Peterson offered to revisit/rework the feedback and send back to subcommittee members for review.

Subcommittee members discussed SB 150 w/SS 1. Ms. Peterson will incorporate language that was discussed to this bill & circulate back to subcommittee members for review. No agreement was made by subcommittee members regarding this bill.

Due to time constraints, subcommittee members were not able to discuss SB 151 w/SS 1 other than making a few minor comments. As a result, no agreement was made regarding feedback for this pending bill.

Ms. Bailey reminded subcommittee members that legislative session will resume next week. The past two weeks Legislative Hall observed Spring break.

#### 1. Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

#### 4. Next Meeting

The next DNHRQAC Legislative/Advocacy Subcommittee Meeting will be held on May 3, 2024 @ 1:00 pm. In-person and virtual attendance options will be available. The meeting information will also be posted on the Delaware Public Meeting Calendar.

#### 5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 pm.

Attachments: 4/12/2024 DNHRQAC Legislative/Advocacy Subcommittee Meeting agenda  
3/15/2024 DNHRQAC Legislative/Advocacy Subcommittee Meeting minutes draft  
SB 150 w/SS 1, SB 151 w/S1, SB 215, SB 216, SB 217 & HB 300 – bills and feedback