
DELAWARE NURSING HOME RESIDENTS QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION (DNHRQAC)
Legislative/Advocacy Subcommittee

In-person & Virtual Meeting

Cisco Webex

Anchor Location: DHCFA

510 Silverside Rd Suite 51

Wilmington, DE 19809

Meeting of March 14, 2025 @ 10:00 am

FINAL

Subcommittee members present: Lisa Furber, Cheryl Heiks (anchor location) and Chris Marques, Esquire. The majority of subcommittee members attended virtually. A quorum of subcommittee members was present.

Subcommittee members not in attendance: Dr. Avani Virani, MD and Mary Peterson, RN.

Others Present: Margaret Bailey, DNHRQAC Executive Director, RuthAnn Landers, Public and Kevin Andrews, Public.

1. Call to order

This meeting was called to order at 10:08 am.

2. Approval of minutes

The subcommittee meeting minutes draft of February 14, 2025 were approved as written.

3. Discussion of:

CY25 Wishlist

Subcommittee members discussed various legislative and/or advocacy priorities for calendar year 2025. The list included:

Memory Care Units - licensing & regulations

DNHRQAC statute

Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) clinical skills and training hours

Long Term Care Ombudsman Program – statute and location in State Government

Establish relationships with Legislators, Governor, Lieutenant Governor & Cabinet Secretaries

Background Check Center

Workforce

Division of Health Care Quality (DHCQ) staffing complements

Previous legislative Session follow-up

After review, subcommittee members identified, approved and prioritized the following (in no order):

Memory Care Licensing – Ms. Peterson
Previous & Current Legislation – Ms. Furber
Workforce – Ms. Heiks
Background Check Center – Mr. Marques

Subcommittee members assigned themselves a specific topic and will begin focusing on a path forward relating to each item.

Although Ms. Peterson was not able to attend this meeting, Ms. Bailey mentioned memory care licensing is something Ms. Peterson previously expressed interest in working on. Ms. Bailey will ask Ms. Peterson if she could update legislation from the previous session relating to memory care licensing and share with the subcommittee.

Background Check Center

Ms. Bailey has been in touch monthly with the Delaware Justice Information Center (DELJIS) for an update relating to the Criminal Background Check Center (BCC).

“We just met with DHSS this afternoon for an update. We are still waiting for DHSS, DTI, and their vendor to complete their network configuration so they can test our service.

Just a reminder, our new DELJIS RAPback system is live and has been since December.”

Subcommittee members asked Ms. Bailey to contact the Division of Health Care Quality BCC project coordinator and invite them to the April subcommittee meeting. The purpose is to receive clarification on the delays and potential budgetary issues.

4. Public Comment

No members of the public provided comments.

5. Next Meeting

The next DNHRQAC Legislative/Advocacy Subcommittee Meeting TBD. In-person and virtual attendance options will be available. The meeting information will be posted on the Delaware Public Meeting Calendar.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am

Attachments: 3/14/2025 DNHRQAC Legislative/Advocacy Subcommittee Meeting - agenda
2/14/2025 DNHRQAC Legislative/Advocacy Subcommittee Meeting – minutes draft