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Nursing Home Financial Advisory Committee

April 9, 2025 | 9:30-11:30am

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Barbara Cass (DPH), Matt Barrett (CAHCF/CCAL), Lorraine Cullen (DPH), Nicole Godburn (DSS), Claudio Gualtieri (OPM - Melissa Morton attended in his absence), Michael Morris (CHEFA), Mairead Painter (LTC Ombudsperson).

Members absent: Mag Morelli (Leading Age CT).

Introduction

- Nicole Godburn called the meeting to order at 9:31am.
- Matt Barrett motioned to approve the minutes; Barbara Cass seconded.
 - The minutes passed without discussion. Mairead and Michael Morris abstained from the vote, as they were not in attendance for the January 2025 meeting.

DPH and DSS Slideshow

- Nicole Godburn, Nick Mazzatto, and Lorraine Cullen reviewed the slide deck with key data from the past quarter.
 - Nick shared the bed capacity and census data for the reporting period of January 1 through March 31, 2025, has remained steady, with this quarter's capacity at 88.2 percent occupancy. around 86 percent.
 - Lorraine shared that three new nursing home closed in Quarter 2; there are now 193 nursing homes in the state.
 - Nick shared information on nursing home receiverships, bankruptcies, temporary managers, and closures. In SFY 2025, four facilities closed: Abbott Terrace, Countryside, Wolcott View Manor (building has been empty, license closed this quarter).
 - Lorraine provided an overview of the Change in Ownerships (CHOWs) that occurred in the past quarter. In calendar year 2025 there have been 15 CHOWs, with around 7 pending. Lorraine then went over the top five most frequently cited federal deficiencies during Q1 and noted that a lot of these deficiencies are all ones seen in previous quarters, with the addition of Notify of Changes (F580) as a new tag DPH has been seeing. She provided information on Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) findings and provided

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longitudinal data since FFY 2023. In the past quarter, the department reported 8 IJ deficiencies across 8 facilities.

Discussion

- Matt Barrett asked about two facilities in Bristol where there were petitions to close. Nicole clarified that Countryside closed, and Sheridan Woods is still in process.
- Melissa Morton asked about potential correlation between the census in the homes going up versus the types of IJs that the state is seeing. She expressed interest in knowing if any of this could be attributed to staff burnout or an overextension. Lorraine responded saying that at this point, they have not seen a correlation between IJs and census, but DPH is monitoring where IJs are happening to ensure that the IJs cited are not becoming trends.

Closing

- The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2025.
- Barbara Cass motioned to adjourn; Mairead Painter seconded the motion.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:46am.