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**Long-Term Care Council Meeting Minutes
DNR Building, Springfield
December 4th, 2019**

- I. Opening
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call / Introductions
 1. Paula Basta, Lora McCurdy Selma D’Souza, Kelly Richards, Chuck Miller, Jessica Belsly, LaRhonda Williams, Joe Danner, Jason Jordan, Julia Preston, Carolyn Peck, Kurt Teich, Greg Wilson, John Hosteny, Lori Hendren, Janene Brickey, Ali Johnson, Gwen Diehl, Linda McDonald, & Jennifer Viramontes
- II. Old Business
 - A. Approval of Minutes – September 25, 2019
 1. Moved, seconded, approved
 - B. Membership Update
 1. Wayne Smallwood is retiring
 2. Nomination for Melinda McDonald to become a new member
 - C. Reminder of Ethics Training
- III. Public Comment: (None)
- IV. New Business
 - A. SWOT Analysis
 1. Stands for “Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, & Threats”
 2. Will have a group exercise at the next meeting to determine how we can better serve seniors moving forward
 3. A template of the exercise will be distributed before the next meeting
 4. The exercise was done with other work groups/councils and provided great feedback as well as started productive in-depth conversations
 - B. Consumer Choice Website
 1. The updates for the public side of the website have been completed
 2. Updates for the Ombudsman/Administrative side of the website are under way
 3. Question: How do you incentivize facilities to register?
 - a. Working with IDPH to have penalties for not cooperating
 - b. Brochures/marketing
 - c. It is the law under the Illinois Act on Aging
 4. We are linking the website to Nursing Home Compare
 - C. Special Focus Facility Update
 1. Not a lot has changed since the last LTCC Meeting
 2. Two Aperion Care facilities have stayed on the list (Cairo & Springfield)
 3. Aperion Care Bloomington is improving
 4. Franklin Grove graduated from the list
 5. There are 20 facilities that are on the candidate list

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D. Home Care Ombudsman Update

1. Brief description of the program
2. Program is short staffed (only 3)
3. Have interviewed to fill one of the Chicago positions
4. Doing WebEx to discuss MMAI
5. Performing as much community outreach as possible while short staffed
6. Question: Where do you find MMAI information?
 - a. Thru Home Care Ombudsman Website
 - b. HFS has pages dedicated to MMAI
 - c. MMAI also has their own website

E. Colbert

1. Request for Applications for the redesign of system was posted
2. Revamping internal structure
3. Upward trajectory in transition numbers demonstrate efforts are working
 - a. Anticipate slight decline while programs are focused on the RFA's
 - b. Trying to find ways to prevent decline
4. Under new program vendors will be divided by region
5. Updating literature, forms, and materials

F. Census

1. DHS awarded \$20 million for census outreach
2. AAA's did not fall under that
3. A lot of materials online with information
 - a. Will distribute through email
4. After April 1st, individuals who haven't done online form will receive a paper copy

G. State Agency Updates

1. HFS
 - a. Announced several approvals for dementia sites
 - b. Two have become operational (Asbury Gardens & Cottages at Carlinville)
2. Veteran's Affairs
 - a. Chicago construction extended to April
 - b. Quincy should be complete by 2023

V. Adjournment

- A. Next Meeting is March 3rd, 2020