

Long Term Care Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 2, 2021
10:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

Opening

- A. Call to Order by Paula Basta and Kelly Richards
- B. Roll Call/Introductions
 - a. On WebEx or Phone: Joe Danner, Kelly Richards, Chuck Miller, Terri Simpson, Jessica Belsly, LaRhonda Williams, Paula Basta, Lee Moriarty, Angie Baker, Bernard Cobbins, Lora McCurdy, Anthony Vaughn, Barbara Gold, Amy Lulich, Al Cano, Becky Dragoo, Betty Stewart, Chris Sutton, Elaina Finnie, Gwen Diehl, Amaal Tokars, Greg Wilson, Carolyn Peck, Janene Brickey, Veronica Riley, Jason Jordan, Josh Potts, Melinda McDonald, Callie Sadler, Theresa Kuhlman, Stacy Aschermann, Marsha Johnson, Ali Johnson, Trish Niewoehner, Katie Harrison, Sharon McLemen, Suzanne Courtheoux, Lawrence Wagner, Julie Schuppner, Megan Jizmagian, Stephen Maxwell, Jen Glackin, & Ashley VonAlmen
 - b. New Members – Veronica Riley & Alex Bautista
- C. Prior Meeting Minutes
 - a. Marsha Johnson motioned to approve
 - b. Greg Wilson seconded the motion
 - c. Approved

Old Business:

- A. Reminder of Trainings
 - a. Ethics & Sexual Harassment Prevention Trainings – Joe Danner
 - b. New Members Training – Open Meetings Act – Joe Danner

New Business:

- A. IDPH Vaccination Update – Dr. Amaal Tokars
 - a. Who is eligible
 - b. Children can't be vaccinated
 - c. <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/>
 - i. Providers
 - ii. Appointments
 - iii. FAQs
 - iv. CDC Reminders
 - d. People should be vaccinated regardless of whether you already had COVID-19. The reason behind this is experts do not yet know how long you are protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. Even if you have already recovered from COVID-19, it is possible—although rare—that you could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 again. Learn more about why getting vaccinated is a safer way to build protection than getting infected.
If you were treated for COVID-19 with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma, you should wait 90 days before getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Talk to your doctor if you are unsure what treatments you received or if you have more questions about getting a COVID-19 vaccine.
Experts are still learning more about how long vaccines protect against COVID-19 in real-world conditions. CDC will keep the public informed as new evidence becomes available.
 - e. From CDC facts: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html>
 - f. IDoA has collected resources and developed a FAQ specifically for older adults,

which is available in multiple languages:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/aging/Coronavirus/Vaccine/Pages/default.aspx>

- B. Equip for Equality – Stacy Aschermann
 - a. Overview of organization
 - b. 2-year fellowship to support any individuals over 60 in Central and Southern IL
 - c. Special Education Clinics
 - d. One point of clarification, Equip for Equality assists people with disabilities of all ages, statewide. The Central/Southern Illinois Elder Abuse fellowship applies to older adults, 60 and older, regardless of whether they have a disability.
 - e. Any questions, Stacy’s # is 618-457-7930 ext. 5001
- C. JCAR Rules Implemented in January –Al Cano
 - a. Informed Consent
 - i. Added more definitions
 - ii. No unnecessary medication except emergencies
 - 1. Especially psychiatric meds
 - iii. Extensive protocols
 - iv. Must be in writing
 - v. Facilities required to comply by April 10th
 - b. Minimum Staffing Ratios
 - i. RN’s & LPN’s
 - ii. Calculations to establish ratios
 - iii. Compliance reviews
 - iv. Penalties for violations
 - c. <https://ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/077/077003000F12300R.html>
 - d. <https://ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/077/07700300ZZ9996aR.html>
- D. State Plan – Amy Lulich
 - a. 2022-2024 plan submitted in December
 - b. Waiting on approval
 - c. As soon as approved, will be distributed to network
- E. Regional Ombudsman Update – Terri Simpson
 - a. Ombudsman back in facilities
 - b. Residents deteriorating due to isolation, loneliness and seclusion
 - c. Some facilities not allowing compassionate care visits
 - d. Suggested a list be formed of what facilities aren’t complying
- F. Rally for Opening -Kelly Richards
 - a. Consumer Voice is holding a virtual rally to reopen facilities. The link to this rally is here <https://theconsumervoice.org/issues/other-issues-and-resources/covid-19/open-doors>
- G. State Ombudsman Program Update – Kelly Richards
 - a. New Deputy State Ombudsman for Northern IL, Lee Moriarty
 - b. Working on developing a statewide family council. First meeting is March 16 2021.
 - c. State Office has updated program policies and procedures
 - d. Revised Ombudsman visitation guidance
- H. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion – Paula Basta & Kelly Richards
 - a. Committees and councils formed
 - b. Updating agency literature
 - c. Diversifying
- I. LTCC Goals – Kelly Richards
 - a. Make council more robust

- i. Increased members
 - ii. Increased diversity
 - b. Better communication with other councils
 - c. Stronger role in legislation
 - d. Other ideas please email Kelly and Director Basta
- J. Update from State Agency Representatives
 - a. HFS Janene Brickey
 - i. Medicaid & LTC Benefits to move to facility based for collar counties to Peoria area
 - b. Veteran Affairs Gwen Diehl
 - i. Performance audit for handling of COVID at LaSalle Home
- K. Public Comment
 - a. Melinda McDonald
 - i. Wanted to second everything Terri Simpson mentioned
 - ii. Morale is very low in facilities
 - iii. Family visits are only thing residents have, to look forward to
 - b. Veronica Riley
 - i. Compassionate care visits aren't just important for residents, but family members need those visits as well

Adjournment

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

June 1, 2021

September 7, 2021

December 7, 2021