State of Illinois
Department of Public Health
Office of Health Care Regulation

Home Health, Home Services and Home Nursing Advisory Board

MINUTES
April 10, 2014

Video Conference
4212 St. Charles, Bellwood IL
122 S. Michigan, Room 711 Chicago IL
535 W. Jefferson, 4th Floor, Springfield IL

The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.

Members Present: Teresa Fitzgerald, Nancy Nelson, Kathleen Kraft, Sheila McMackin, Michael Melinger, Patricia Menoni, Michael Rohan, Michele Running and James Wilson.

Members Absent: Patricia Gibson, Vistacion Hicks, Donna McNally and Dennis Norem.

Interested Parties in Attendance: Jack Kreger, Rebecca Evans-Slone, Brett Nila, Kevin Carter, Barbara Plaszczewski, Aisling O’Reilly, Karen McGrath, Karen Senger, Sean Dailey, Robert Morgan, Andrew Swartz, Susan Meister, Aida Trinidad and Kendra Fabish.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A motion made by Melinger, seconded by Kraft, to approve the meeting minutes of November 6 and December 3, 2013, was unanimously approved.

Membership Update
Resignation submitted by Gail Ripka and notice of resignation received for Dennis Norem (physician.) Application for one candidate to fill Ripka’s position under review. There remains a vacancy for the “private not-for-profit” position. Board members are requested to submit recommendations to fill these vacancies.

New Business
Oasis Update: Aida Trinidad reported on changes to how Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) data will be submitted to CMS beginning in October. (See attachment A)

Domestic Worker Bill of Rights Act: Sean Dailey reported House Bill 4714 which includes Home Services workers, was referred to the Rules Committee in March and there is nothing further to report.


Section 245.95(e) Discussion re definition of a separate entity: An entity may exist if operating under its own license even if it is one of a number of entities owned by a corporation. Each entity is obligated to inform its clients and to identify itself distinctly from any other entity which may be operated or owned by the same corporation.
Section 245.214 Discussion re relationships between agencies and clients and which party, agency, worker or client, is the employer in a relationship. Per the Rules, the client is the employer. It is incumbent upon health care providers and agencies to educate consumers and clients on their roles and to urge consumers and clients to have plans in place for emergency situations. (See attachment B)

A motion made by Menoni, seconded by Melinger, that the draft proposed rules as presented be advanced to the State Board of Health Rules Committee with this Board’s recommendation for approval, was approved, 9-1. Running opposed.

**Home Health Applications:** Karen Senger submitted a report on 2013 and 2014 Home Health Agency Initial Applications for 2013 which was seven, and two in 2014. (See Attachment C)

**Home Services Applications:** Kendra Fabish provided the following update: Currently licensed Home Services, 607; Home Services Placement, 54; Home Nursing, 208; and Home Nursing Placement, 3. One-hundred sixty new applications were received in 2013, and for 2014 year-to-date, the total is 62 of which 46 are Home Services.

**Health Care Worker Background Check Requirements:** Karon McGrath gave an overview of the Department’s Registry explaining names on the registry with a “good standing” rating indicate an individual has completed CNA training and passed a test and submitted to a fingerprint scan, and a criminal history check by Illinois State Police. Ms. McGrath detailed the waiver and appeal process, disqualifying convictions and reported on HB4580 which would undermine the Department’s existing criteria for waivers.

**Next Meeting**
11 a.m., July 9, 2014 in Bellwood, Chicago and Springfield.

**Adjournment**
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.