

Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities Maryland
Department of Aging
April 14, 2021 (Virtual Meeting)
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Draft Minutes

Members Present

Rona Kramer, Secretary, Maryland Department of Aging
Claudia Balog, 1199 SEIU, United Health Workers East
Honorable Pamela Beidle, Member of the Finance Committee
Mia Brust, AAA Frederick, Long-Term Care Ombudsman
Eric Colchamiro, Representing Alzheimer's Association, Greater MD Chapter
Senator Addie Eckardt
Kathy Graning, Mid-Atlantic Lifespan
Delegate Ken Kerr, House Health and Government Operations Committee
Phyllis Meyerson, Maryland Chapter, AARP
Hope Morris, Health Facilities Association of Maryland (HFAM)
Stefani O'Dea, Behavioral Health Association
Margo Quinlan, Mental Health Association
Karen Sylvester, AAA
Lorrie Van Akkeren, Voices for Quality Care
Dr. Tricia Nay, OHCQ

Members Absent

Afshin Abedi, Maryland Association of Adult Day Services
Tyler Babich, Department of Legislative Services
Delegate Lisa Belcastro, House Health and Government Operations Committee
Steven Bloyd, Assisted Living Facility
Odile Brunetto, AAA, Montgomery County
Valerie Colmore, DHS, Office of Adult Services, Social Services Administration
Virginia Crespo, United Seniors of Maryland
Stevanne Ellis, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
Beverly Mlynar, Consumer Representative
Kirsten Robb-McGrath, Director of Health and Behavioral Policy, Department of Disabilities
Joanne L. Smikle, Consumer Representative
Heather Zeiss, Assisted Living Facility

Staff Present

Carol Fenderson, Deputy Director, State Programs, Office of Health Care Quality
Alexandra Baldi, Maryland Department of Aging
Lisa O'Connor, Maryland Department of Aging

Greetings from Secretary

Secretary Kramer welcomed members to the meeting. Roll call was taken. Secretary Kramer gave an overview of the Legislative sessions.

MDoA Updates

Secretary Kramer provided updates on the Maryland Department of Aging Nutrition Programs, Caregivers Services Corp, Senior Call Check, and the Durable Medical Equipment Program.

Approval of Minutes

Carol Fenderson asked to correct her title. With a motion from Kathy Graning and Ken Kerr, the November 14, 2020 minutes were approved with one correction.

Discussion of Legislative Session

Senator Eckardt highlighted the bills that were passed during the 2021 General Assembly specifically relating to Assisted Living.

Senator Beidle mentioned bill SB704 requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct a full survey within 3 months after the date of transfer of a licensed nursing home, and an unannounced, on-site follow-up survey within 120 days after the full survey was completed, if the ownership of the nursing home is transferred to a person that does not own or operate another nursing home in the State at the time of the transfer.

Future Meeting Topics

Eric Colchamiro will meet with a subcommittee to discuss topics of interest for the full committee. The full committee will be notified of the subcommittee meeting dates. The full committee will meet quarterly this year. In 2020, they met more frequently due to the needs during COVID.

If there are any follow-up questions for OHCQ from their November 5, 2020 presentation, please submit them to Secretary Kramer's office and we will ask OHCQ to answer them and return at a future date to discuss.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m. The next meeting will be determined.