

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 18, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Meeting: Assisted Health Care and Nursing Weekly Meeting

Attendees:

- Alle McNorton
- Andrew Rabinowitz
- Carol Fenderson
- Christi
- Louise Lock
- Quinton Askew
- Stevanne Ellis

Agenda:

1. Discuss the purpose of the subcommittee and define its goals.
2. Determine the frequency and timeframe for future meetings.
3. Consider specific topics and areas of focus, such as elder abuse definitions, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living, and community settings.
4. Explore the possibility of obtaining data related to elder abuse from various settings.

Meeting Notes:

1. Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 16:09 by Stevanne Ellis.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes:

- N/A

3. Agenda Item 1: Introductions

- Attendees introduced themselves, providing roles and affiliations.

4. Agenda Item 2: Subcommittee Purpose and Goals

- Discussion on defining the purpose and goals of the subcommittee.
- Emphasis on elder abuse definitions, focus areas (hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living), and potential data collection.

5. Agenda Item 3: Additional Topics

- Consideration of emergency room admissions as a significant topic.

Meeting Minutes

- Exploration of categories, including unlicensed assisted living and individuals receiving services at home.

6. Other Business:

- Mention of potential overlap with other committees.
- Discussion on collaboration and breaking down topics into smaller subcommittees.

7. Discussion on Exploitation and Abuse by Family Members:

- Stevanne Ellis expressed concern about financial exploitation or abuse by family members or domestic partners leading to hospital admissions.
- Related concerns about discharge planning from nursing homes and assisted living.
- Discussion on whether the group would be interested in addressing issues related to families and individuals receiving services in the home.

8. Addressing General Elder Abuse in the Community:

- Carol Fenderson mentioned that another committee focuses on general elder abuse in the community.
- Highlighted oversight challenges in responding to complaints, especially with immediate jeopardies.
- Discussion on the reactive nature of current processes and the need for proactive measures.

9. Proactive Role and Education for Providers:

- Carol Fenderson discussed the lack of a proactive role in preventing issues, emphasizing the need for community involvement.
- Stevanne Ellis highlighted the need for education, especially for providers in nursing homes and assisted living.
- Challenges in implementing effective training programs and the importance of hands-on training.

10. Concerns About Smaller Assisted Livings:

- Carol Fenderson expressed concerns about smaller assisted livings lacking resources for outside training.
- Issues related to funding, staff availability, and potential risks associated with providers seeing residents as a source of income.

11. Legislative Changes to Address Issues:

- Stevanne Ellis proposed legislative changes, including criminal penalties for certain situations and addressing financial exploitation and control by providers.

Meeting Minutes

- Discussion on potential bills to address loopholes in the law and prevent trafficking of residents.

12. Action Items:

- Identify someone with expertise in hospitals; Deborah Holbrook may provide insights related to hospitals.
- Consider admission issues in emergency rooms.
- Explore obtaining data on elder abuse from various settings.
- Explore data from the Department of Aging on emergency room admissions and outpatient placements.
- Consider a more proactive role in preventing elder abuse.
- Explore options for accessible and effective training programs for providers.
- Consider legislative changes to address gaps in current laws related to elder abuse.

13. Next Meeting:

- TBD (Weekly)

14. Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 PM.