



South Carolina Department of Public Health
Renal Dialysis Advisory Council Meeting
December 5, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Participants:

1. Bridgett Ragin, SCDPH
2. Kristen Juarez-Kollu, SCDPH
3. NaTasha Sharpe, SCDPH
4. Gloria Wilson, SCDPH
5. Dr. David Shure, Columbia Nephrology
6. Dr. Howard Lifland
7. Other Joined Online

A. Administrative:

1. Reading of Notification Statement was done by Bridgett Ragin
2. The meeting was called to order by **Dr. Howard Lifland.**
December 5, 2024, minutes were accepted at **2:09 PM**
3. Dr. Lifland reviewed meeting minutes from April 17, 2024
4. Meeting minutes from **April 17, 2024**, were accepted at **2:13 PM** on **December 5, 2024**

B. New Business:

1. Reorganization – Kristen Kollu
 - Kristen discussed reorganization of Bureau of Nursing homes and Medical Services
 - Also discussed the split of Department of Public Health and Department of Environmental Services effective July 1, 2024
 - She also noted about the relocation of the Department and provided an outline of what the Bureau of Nursing Home and Medical Services does
 - Kristen showed organization for the bureau and positions
2. Dialysis at Home Program Updates – Kristen Kollu
 - As of now, there is only one nursing home that has submitted documents and has been approved
 - There have been two other nursing homes that have submitted interest
3. Top Citations/Deficiencies – Kristen Kollu, Natasha Sharpe, Bridgett Ragin
 - Licensing:
 - 1504.A - Quarterly Fire Drills (13)



- Make sure to keep records and make sure to be reviewed
- 509.A – Staff Health Assessment (8)
 - This is for direct care staff that should have completed a health assessment within 12 months prior to patient contact. Kristen suggested that each facility should make a checklist for new hires and should audit it
- 703.A – Patient Care Plan (7)
 - Should be conducted within 30 calendar days or first 13 treatments
 - Inspectors will review this when conducting inspections
- 1703.C – Staff TB (5)
 - Health Assessment, TB screening process
 - Make sure that staff has TB Baseline testing within 3 months prior to patient contact.
 - If there has been previous testing in the last 12 months, that can be used as first step but will have to get second step or BAMT before patient contact
- 1602 – Equipment Maintenance (3)
 - General maintenance
 - Plumbing, fire protection, dialysis equipment, scales, etc...
 - Make sure there is a policy
 - Look at manufacturer's directions of equipment to see when routine maintenance is required
 - If anything should break between routine maintenance, everything should be documented
 - Facility should keep records of any maintenance
- Federal:
 - V0111- Infection Control-Sanitary Environment (22)
 - The facility must provide and monitor a sanitary environment to minimize the transmission of infectious agents within and between the unit and any adjacent
 - V0401- Physical Environment- Safe, Functional, Comfortable Environment (22)
 - V06081- Staff Licensed as Required/Qualified/Demonstrate Competencies (16)
 - The facility staff should meet the applicable scope of the practice board and licensure requirements in effect State
 - V0250-Dialysate Proportioning-Monitor PH/Conductivity (14)
 - The facility operator to allow manufacturer instruction regarding dialysate conductivity and to measure approximate pH with independent method
 - V0113-Infection Control-Wear Gloves/Hand Hygiene (12)



- Staff should wear disposable gloves when caring for the patient and touching equipment. Also wash hands in between patients and stations
- 4. Review Council Positions - Kristen Kollu & Dr. Howard Lifland
 - Kristen reviewed council positions and explained what organizations must attend.
 - She also mentions that for someone to be appointed, there must be a recommendation for that person and will be given approval or denial
 - Kristen will share a copy of the council positions for the information to be updated
- 5. Discussion of Items for Next Meeting – Dr. Howard Lifland
 - Revisit Council Positions
 - Update on Nursing Home and Dialysis Connection
- 6. Schedule for the Next Meeting
 - The next Renal Advisory Meeting is scheduled for **May 1, 2025**, at 2:00 PM or TBD, due to move to Otter Pkwy and will continue to be Hybrid, as an option.

C. Closing:

This meeting was adjourned by Dr. Howard Lifland, **December 5, 2024** at **02:55 PM**