

Sept. 18, 2024 Residential Care Committee Minutes

Cola Mills Room 2407 / Microsoft Teams

1. Welcome – Call to Order / Reading of the FOIA Notification

Sarah Doctor-Greenwade calls meeting to order at or around 10:05 a.m.

JoMonica Taylor read the FOIA notification.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members present: JoMonica Taylor (in-person); Vito Wicevic (in-person); Bryan Crawford (virtual); Dottie Davis (virtual); Melissa Yetter (in-person); Towana Hayes (virtual); Sarah Doctor-Greenwade (in-person); Nikki Robertson (in-person); Dale Watson (in-person); Todd McAlhaney on behalf of Derrick Jones (in-person); Gwendolyn Scott (virtual).

Members absent: None.

Others present in-person: Justin McCary; Everette Williams; Kersten Stribble; Trenessa Jones; Ernie Moore; Baylee Brown; Charlene Bell; Gloria Wilson; Eileen Beasley; Daniel Amodis (Rice Estate); Katherine Thomas; Ty Goodwin; Lonell Phaire; Carlton Phaire; Charles Williams.

Others present virtually: Lucy Smal (Charles Lea Center); Lisa Ragland (SC DHHS); Erik Simensen (DPH); Amanda Knowles (unverified); Chelsea Jordan; Dougla Kear; Hampton Co DSN; Jewel Coleman (DPH); Kymberly Nichols; Melody Bailey; Raquel and Geraldo Balagtas; Sarah Eisenhauer (Merrill Gardens at Carolina Park); Stacey Jordan (Maryville CRCF); Becky Peters (DDSN); Kyberly Nichols; Clay Fowler (Longwood Plantation); Sharon Bailey (Arbor Landing at Pawley's Island); Lovice Johnson; Detra Summers (Oaks at Charleston); Ty'ree Bush (Paths of Hope); Omara Daniels (Bevid Place); Michael Walters and Pamela Brown (The Family Residential Care Home); Lovice Johnson (Westside Residential); Ashley Elliott (Oakleaf Village of Lexington); Lamarus Earl (Village Community Care).

3. Approval of Minutes for Feb. 21, 2024 RCC Meeting

Motion to approve Feb. 21, 2024 RCC Meeting minutes was approved.

* Dottie Davis moved to approve the agenda for the Sept. 18, 2024, which was approved. Thereafter, Nikki Robertson moved to amend the Sept. 18, 2024 agenda to include discussion of R.61-84 Section 1703 cites for discussion purposes only. Ms. Robertson's motion was approved.

4. Protocol for Residents Testing Positive for COVID – Jewel F. Coleman (DPH Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention and Control)

Ms. Doctor-Greenwade asked for information from the Department of Public Health's (Department) recommended protocols concerning COVID in the CRCF setting. Jewell Coleman from the Department's Healthcare Associated Infections Section provided information concerning the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) guidance for identifying, reporting, preventing, and controlling respiratory illness outbreaks, including COVID. Ms. Coleman provided the following links to guidance from the Department or CDC:

[Infection Control Guidance: SARS-CoV-2 | COVID-19 | CDC](#)

[COVID-19 | South Carolina Department of Public Health \(sc.gov\)](#)

[LTCF Respiratory Outbreak Guide.pdf \(sc.gov\)](#)

[CDC updates and simplifies respiratory virus recommendations | CDC Online Newsroom | CDC](#)

5. Licensure Renewal Applications and Invoices – Trenessa Jones and Kersten Stribble (DPH Bureau of Operations Support)

Ms. Doctor-Greenwade asked for information from the Department concerning notarizing of renewal applications and invoicing for routine inspections.

Regarding notarizing the renewal applications, Kersten Stribble from the Department's Bureau of Operations Support explained that renewal applications still need to be notarized (whether sent in by paper or email), but notarization will not be needed when the Department implements an electronic application process.

Regarding invoices, Ms. Stribble explained that facilities will receive two invoices with their renewal applications – one for the licensure fee and one for a future routine licensure inspection. Ms. Stribble and Ms. Jones explained that facilities will not be issued additional routine inspection fee invoices until the Department performs the routine inspection for the fee that's already been paid. In other words, the Department is ensuring facilities are not being invoiced for inspections that are not ultimately performed.

6. Causes of Fires and Fire Spread/Containment within CRCFs – Derrick Jones (DPH Fire & Life Safety Section)

Filling in for Derrick Jones, Todd McAlhany, Director of the Department's Fire & Life Safety Section, provided various safety tips for preventing and containing fires within CRCFs. Tips and guidance touched upon safety tips with respect to dryers, resident smoking, fire alarms, and fire drills. Moreover, Mr. McAlhany reminded that the Fire & Life Safety Section offers fire response training for free to CRCFs. Mr. McAlhany can be contacted at mcalhadt@dph.sc.gov to answer questions or schedule the referenced training.

7. Emergency and Disaster Preparedness – Baylee Brown (DPH Bureau of Hospitals, Community Services, & Emergency Management)

Charlene Bell, Ernie Moore, and Baylee Brown from the Department's Hospitals & Professionals Section discussed emergency preparedness for CRCFs to include a description of the Emergency Preparedness Coordination Unit, the required emergency preparedness plans and the Department's review of such plans, links sent to CRCFs which provide surveys for providing/updating information concerning their plans, and links for evacuation information that will be sent to CRCFs in the case of natural disasters (e.g., hurricanes) that require evacuation. The team provided contact information including its HQEP@dph.sc.gov email address. Further, the team provided information concerning upcoming training/education opportunities. Finally, the team encouraged partnership between CRCFs and the regional healthcare coalitions in preparing for and responding to emergencies.

Todd McAlhaney provided additional information regarding steps that CRCFs must take when there are fires or issues impacting CRCF's fire alarm system, to include notifying FireWatch@dph.sc.gov.

**Added Agenda Item for Discussion Only – R.61-84 Section 1703 and bedbugs*

Ms. Robertson asked for guidance from the Department's citation of Section 1703 concerning bedbugs. Ms. Taylor explained that Department staff will cite CRCFs for violating Section 1703 if bedbugs are observed during the course of an inspection or investigation. Further, Ms. Taylor provided guidance with respect to preventing, eliminating, and containing bedbugs.

8. Items for next Meeting's Agenda

Ms. Doctor-Greenwade invited topics for the next meeting's agenda. She suggested any agenda items be sent to Ms. Taylor.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Doctor-Greenwade tentatively set the meeting of the next RCC meeting for March 19, 2025, at 10 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.