



## **AGENCY LIAISON MINUTES**

March 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2012 by Jamie Shelton, Chairman of the Agency Liaison Committee.

**Committee Members Present:**

Jamie Shelton, Phyllis Chatelain, Kit Gamble, Dale Hewitt, Matt Machen, Lannie Richardson, Dave Rambo.

**LNHA Staff:**

Laurie Hinrichs, Joseph Donchess

**DHH-Health Standards Guests:**

Erin Rabalais, Cecile Castello, Carolyn Dell

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Mark Hebert, Executive Director of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators

**Committee Members Absent:**

Scott Broussard, Michella Ford, Harold Gamburg, Ronald Goux, Jack Sanders, David Stallard, Marcus Naquin

**Written replies to Agency committee questions were supplied by Traci Roberts, Office of the Fire Marshall, and Denis Beard, Medicaid Program Manager 2, DHH Rate & Audit Review, who were unable to attend.**

Written responses to questions submitted to Erin Rabalais are included with the minutes.

Discussions included the answers to the included questions. Erin Rabalais, Carolyn Dell and Cecile Castello asked that the facility administrator notify them during their survey process if they have any surveyor concerns or questions that could not be answered by the survey team leader.

Carolyn Dell explained that Louisiana has the QIS survey system in place which leads the surveyors in the direction of which F tags to cite. This helps ensure F tags are written under the correct requirement. She also recommended that facilities review their deficiencies and findings to ensure the “facility failed to...” statement was clear “so the facility knew exactly what it did wrong.” She stated all facilities have a right to request an informal dispute resolution if they feel the deficiencies cited were incorrect.

There was discussion regarding facilities that were cited with actual harm, substandard quality of care and immediate jeopardy deficient practices could possibly have their administrator’s name reported to the Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators under F-490. Ms. Dell explained that CMS is encouraging this so administrators will become aware of the need to ensure all policies and procedures are being followed in the facility. She suggested that administrators needed to be made aware of this during their training.

Ms. Dell also explained the proposed changes in the Louisiana Sanitary Code regarding chest x-rays for admittance to a nursing facility. The explanation and probable rule changes are included with these minutes. She also re-iterated that residents in a nursing facility were NOT required to have a yearly TB skin test if they were not showing any signs of TB. Nursing home staff are still required to have a yearly TB skin test.

There was discussion regarding the testing of generators. Included in the packet is a handout from Traci Roberts from the State Fire Marshall’s office, The information included a monthly test log and weekly inspection checklist that facilities could use if they needed a form.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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