

REGION-PALOOZA

OLDER & VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION INITIATIVES WEBINAR

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Since adjournment of the 2018 legislative session, Care Providers of Minnesota and many other stakeholders have continued to think about how to build on the momentum created for reform in the area of protection of older and vulnerable adults with the backdrop of investigative reporting and hearings focusing on abuse and neglect allegations and a “broken” oversight system. In addition to reforms within the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Office of Health Facility Complaints (OHFC), there is important agreement among stakeholders that broader changes are needed in both policy and practice in our statutory frameworks, in regulatory agencies, in care settings, and in communities across the state.

To create a space for collaboration across stakeholders, MDH Commissioner Jan Malcolm asked several work groups to form on the topics listed below along with their designated workgroup convener. Association staff participated in all of the workgroups and are prepared during this webinar to summarize the interim work and to predict the future policy and practice changes that will be implemented:

Licensure Approaches for Assisted Living Facilities

Led by Commissioner Malcolm, MDH

An Assisted Living Report Card

Led by Kari Benson, Aging and Adult Services, Department of Human Services

Certification of Dementia Care Units

Led by Beth McMullen, Alzheimer’s Association

Improving Quality and Safety in Long-Term Care Settings

Led by Marie Dotseth, Assistant Commissioner, MDH

Consumer Rights

Led by Cheryl Hennen, Ombudsman for Long-Term Care

Electronic Monitoring in Care Facilities

Led by Amanda Vickstrom, The Minnesota Elder Justice Center



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The goal of the workgroups was to forge consensus wherever possible on legislative proposals for the next governor and legislature, but also to clearly and objectively describe the areas of disagreement. In addition to identifying and proposing action in areas needing changes in statutes or rules, each workgroup worked to advance collaboration on initiatives that can be led by the community without waiting for legislation.

Presenters:

- Patti Cullen, CAE, President/CEO, Care Providers of Minnesota
- Toby Pearson, Vice President of Advocacy, Care Providers of Minnesota
- Doug Beardsley, Vice President of Member Services, Care Providers of Minnesota
- Erin Buie, Director of Government Affairs, Care Providers of Minnesota
- Jill Schewe, Director of Assisted Living, Housing & Home Care, Care Providers of Minnesota
- Todd Bergstrom, Director of Research and Data Analysis, Care Providers of Minnesota

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