

Board of Community Health
Meeting
April 12, 2018

Members Present

Norman Boyd
Roger Folsom
Allana Cummings
Anthony Williamson
Russell Crutchfield
Russ Childers
Kenneth Davis

Members Absent

Mark Trail

The Board of Community Health held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Department of Community Health (DCH), 5th Floor Board Room, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. (An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2). Chairman Norman Boyd presided and called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes

The Minutes of the March 8, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Opening Comments

None to report.

Committee Reports

None to report.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Berry thanked the Board, members of the public and staff for their attendance.

Commissioner Berry updated the Board on the following:

- The Department will provide the Board with a comprehensive legislative overview at the next scheduled Board meeting.
- "Coffee with the Commissioner"
 - Team members were invited to discuss customer service, teamwork and communication.

- Monthly occurrence.
- Completed 3 of 4 budget hearings.
- Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) and Piedmont Negotiation
 - Both parties are scheduled to meet with the Governor.
 - Internal/external meetings with the Governor's office have taken place.

Melanie Simon, Division Chief, Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR) presented to the Board for final adoption the proposed revised Rules and Regulations for Proxy Caregivers Used in Licensed Facilities, Chapter 111-8-100. The revised rules are being proposed pursuant to the authority granted the Department of Community Health in O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21 and O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21.1.

Board members were provided a copy of the synopsis of proposed rule changes and revised rules. During the oral presentation, the following was discussed:

- The rule revisions are necessary to comply with the provisions of House Bill 486 which changes the definition of "proxy caregiver" and requires the Department to develop a training curriculum for medication administration.
- No additional changes to the proposed rule were recommended

An opportunity for public comment was held on March 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments were accepted on or before March 16, 2018. Written comment was received from the Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities (SPADD).

Ms. Simon respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Allana Cummings Trail MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Rules and Regulations for Proxy Caregivers. Russell Crutchfield SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 7, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Rules and Regulations for Proxy Caregivers is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

Melanie Simon, Division Chief, Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR) presented to the Board for final adoption the proposed revised Rules and Regulations for Personal Care Homes, Chapter 111-8-62. The revised rules are being proposed pursuant to the authority granted the Department of Community Health in O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21 and O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21.1.

Board members were provided a copy of the synopsis of proposed rule changes and revised rules. During the oral presentation, the following was discussed:

- The rule revisions change the definition of "proxy caregiver" to comply with the provisions of House Bill 486. The rule revisions also remove certain duplicative

emergency preparedness requirements and modify the notice requirements for changes in charges or services.

- No additional changes to the proposed rule were recommended.

An opportunity for public comment was held on March 13, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments were accepted on or before March 16, 2018. Written comment was received from the Georgia Senior Living Association (GSLA).

Ms. Simon respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Roger Folsom MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Rules and Regulations for Personal Care Homes. Kenneth Davis SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 7, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Rules and Regulations for Personal Care Homes is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4).

Melanie Simon, Division Chief, Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR) presented to the Board for final adoption the proposed revised Rules and Regulations for Assisted Living Communities, Chapter 111-8-63. The revised rules are being proposed pursuant to the authority granted the Department of Community Health in O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21 and O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21.1.

Board members were provided a copy of the synopsis of proposed rule changes and revised rules. During the oral presentation, the following was discussed:

- The rule revisions change the definition of "proxy caregiver" to comply with the provisions of House Bill 486. The rule revisions also remove certain duplicative emergency preparedness requirements and modify the notice requirements for changes in charges or services.
- No additional changes to the proposed rule were recommended.

An opportunity for public comment was held on March 13, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments were accepted on or before March 16, 2018. Written comment was received from the Georgia Senior Living Association (GSLA).

Ms. Simon respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Russ Childers MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Rules and Regulations for Assisted Living Communities. Anthony Williamson SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 7, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Rules and Regulations for Assisted Living

Communities is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #5).


New Business/Closing Comments

None to report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 12th DAY OF April, 2018.


Allana Cummings
Secretary


Norman Boyd
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 Agenda
- #2 List of Attendees
- #3 Proxy Caregivers Rule Change
- #4 Personal Care Homes Rule Change
- #5 Assisted Living Communities Rule Change