

**Summary  
Workgroup for Nursing Facility Reimbursement  
May 27, 2009  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

***Members Present***

Doug Burr  
Tony Marshall  
Betty Sorna  
Erwin Bodo

***AHCA Staff & Other Presenters***

Phil Williams  
Michele Hudson  
Mike Magnuson  
Wesley Hagler  
Dyke Snipes  
Stephen Russell  
Dr. Kathryn Hyer  
Kali Thomas

**Introductions**

Mr. Michael Magnuson opened the meeting with introductions of the workgroup along with the call-in listeners, and those in attendance. The Workgroup unanimously approved the minutes of the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting pending the changes suggested.

**Review of Timeline and Guiding Principles**

The Time line agenda is as follows:

- a. September 1: Rough draft due
- b. October 1: Routing to begin
- c. November 1: Present to the Legislature

Mr. Magnuson explained that the timeline will be included in the materials for each meeting to remind the group that a report is due to the Legislature on November 1. Mr. Magnuson will send meeting notices to all members, and anticipates having a meeting every 4-5 weeks from now through September.

## **Overview of the Nursing Home staffing report**

Dr. Kathy Hyer and Kali Thomas joined the workgroup via phone to give an overview of the nursing home staffing report and to answer questions from the workgroup. Dr. Hyer states that the report has not yet been finalized, but she hopes that it will be soon.

The members ask Dr. Hyer to create a chart similar to the one on slide 17, to reflect whether Medicaid has any visible impact.

The group begins discussing RNs vs LPNs and the transition that seems to have been taking place in recent years. When asked if this transition could be affecting the numbers, Dr. Hyer stated that she does not think that is measurable with these databases.

## **Discussion of Rate Semesters – Moving to One Rate Setting**

Wes Hagler reported that Audit Services stated they did not want all of the cost reports coming in at the same time.

Mr. Marshall and Mr. Bodo reported that when they surveyed members with regard to moving to one rate setting, they received full support. However, they were not supportive of going onto a single fiscal year-end.

## **Matrix of AIDS Rate Setting**

Mr. Stephen Russell summarized the matrix of AIDS Rate Usage. He stated that this is a sampling of all facilities and also that there was no significant variation in caseload from year to year.

## **Components and Classes**

Mr. Marshall offers to create a matrix for the group broken down by geographic location and size. Discussion ensued regarding categories requested to be put into the matrix. Mr. Marshall stated that he would prefer not to have a deadline for the matrix, as he would like to have a sufficient amount of data to allow the group to calculate more accurate ceilings or to calculate the pricing components.

The members also discussed the FRVS and whether there was value in having two different FRVS models.

Mr. Russell reviewed the ceilings comparison chart. The workgroup members requested that he re-do the chart, but only take the 5% off the top and not the bottom, as they believe outliers are going to happen mostly on the upper end.

**Acuity Measurement**

The workgroup reviewed the Preliminary Analyses on Outcomes of Increased Nurse Staffing Policies in Florida Nursing Homes: Staffing Levels, Quality and Costs (2002-2007). They discussed whether there might be a correlation between staffing costs and acuity measures.

**Discussion of Upcoming Meetings, Topics and Schedule**

Mr. Magnuson led the discussion on upcoming tasks. Workgroup members brought forth several items that they would like to see at the next meeting. Topics to be discussed for the next meeting’s agenda are as follows:

- Follow up on:
  - Dr. Hyer’s slide for January ‘99
  - AIDS rate usage—actual offset dollars as well as days
  - Medicaid population over 65 and over 85
  - Several FRVS models
  - Targets, Ceilings and Inflation factors

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

**Action Items**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Date Assigned</b>	<b>Date Due</b>
Mr. Mike Magnuson	Schedule meetings every 4-5 weeks through September	May 27, 2009	Next Workgroup Meeting
Dr. Kathy Hyer	Re-check numbers for January ‘99 to ensure it is correct.	May 27, 2009	Next Workgroup Meeting
Dr. Kathy Hyer	Create chart similar to slide 17 (staffing above or below 2.9) that includes Medicaid participation as an axis.	May 27, 2009	Next Workgroup Meeting

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Dr. Kathy Hyer	Re-check January 2000 number on slide page 20 and confirm the numbers are correct.	May 27, 2009	Next Workgroup Meeting
Stephen Russell	Provide total dollar amount that was offset (Matrix of AIDS Rate Usage), as well as how many total Medicaid patient days each one had	May 27, 2009	Next Workgroup Meeting
Tony Marshall	Create Matrix broken down by geographic location and size.	May 27, 2009	Open
Wes Hagler	Follow up on Medicaid population over 65 and over 85	May 27, 2009	Next Workgroup Meeting
Doug Burr	Get information on Georgia FRVS model, and a few other states if possible	May 27, 2009	Next Workgroup Meeting
Stephen Russell	Re-do ceilings comparison chart—only take 5% from top.	May 27, 2009	Next Workgroup Meeting