

Dialysis Clinic Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/17/13	Convened: 1:00 p.m. Adjourned: 1:55 p.m.	Room: C1D	Minutes Prepared by: Nancy Brown
Meeting Called By: Judy Hughes		Facilitator: Judy Hughes	
Purpose of Meeting: Introductory Meeting for the Dialysis Clinic Advisory Committee			
<p>Stakeholder Attendees: Halaina Bruckman, Tracy Flitcraft, Archie Jones, Cathy Meyer, Susan Perron, Deb Sizer, Jendee Wick, Amy Wilbur, B. Gordon</p> <p>CDPHE Attendees: Carol Cambria, Judy Hughes, Cheryl McMahon, Jennie Pike, Laurie Schoder, Lorraine Dixon-Jones, Iwona Daneshkhah</p>			

Handouts

- Memorandum dated October 15, 2013 from Lorraine Dixon-Jones re Revising Dialysis Clinic State Licensure Regulations
- A copy of Senate Bill 13-046

Discussion

- The Department welcomed the providers to the newly-created advisory committee and explained that the purpose of the committee was to address regulatory issues of concern to stakeholders and the Department. The invitation to attend the committee meetings is extended to others, including any subject matter experts, who may be interested in the discussion.
- The Department indicated that there were two issues that it was interested in addressing through the advisory committee:
 - revisions to Chapter XV – Dialysis Treatment Clinics (6 CCR 1011-1) in response to Senate Bill 13-46, Authorization to Serve Non-ESRD Patients
 - identification and prioritization of revisions to other sections of Chapter XV in order to reflect current standards of practice.
- Stakeholders indicated that they were interested in addressing through the advisory committee:
 - occurrence reporting, including the need to have a clear understanding of what is and isn't reportable. The Department indicated that there is an Occurrence Advisory Group that is taking the lead on clarifying the reporting requirements. If a facility is in doubt, they should report the occurrence and the Department will let them know if the issue is not reportable. It was noted that the definitions of reportable occurrences are in statute, so changing them must be done through the legislative process.
 - concerns regarding the ESRD survey process. Stakeholders indicated that there needs to be better communication and education regarding changes from CMS that affect the ESRD survey process. In addition, the partnership between the State and the individual facilities needs to be strengthened. Facilities want to be proactive in implementing required changes; they do not want to be surprised by survey findings so changes affecting the survey process need to be communicated to them accordingly.
- It was noted that there is a different relationship currently between the State and facilities. The attitude is more collaborative and less combative than in years past.
- The handout prepared by Lorraine Dixon-Jones regarding SB 13-46 and the dialysis clinic regulations in 11 other states was reviewed with the group.
- Laurie Schoder reviewed with the group the lengthy process for seeking and getting approval of regulations through the Board of Health
- The group decided to meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month from 1-3 pm. There will be a call-in option for persons who cannot attend in person.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on November 19. The Department asked that the group be prepared to discuss services associated with acute care patients and to submit applicable policies and procedures in advance to Lorraine Dixon-Jones by e-mail at lorraine.dixon@state.co.us.