



Home Care & Assisted Living Advisory Council Meeting

July 26, 2022

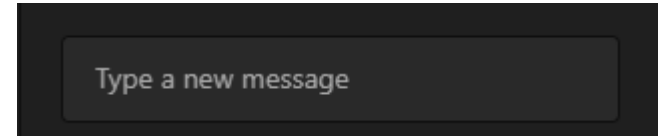
Agenda

- Welcome and housekeeping
- Continued conversation regarding dementia training possibilities
- Social Connection Grant - round 2 discussion
- Other as time allows
- Closing



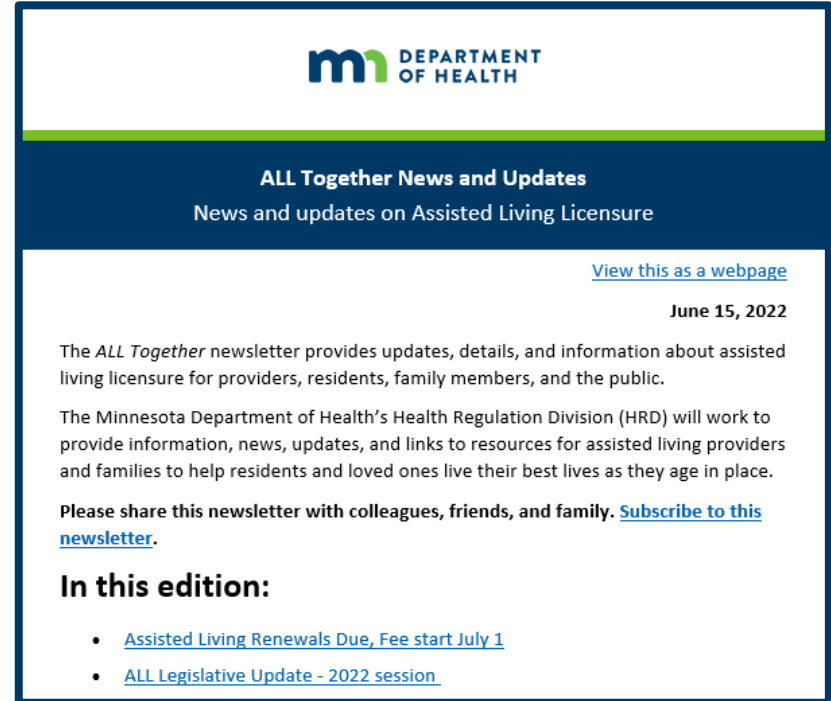
How to Ask a Question/Provide a Comment

- **Participants are muted**
- **To ask a question or to provide a comment** click down in the lower right side of the screen where it says to “Type a new message”
- **We will answer** as many questions as we can at the end of our time today.



ALL Together Newsletter

- Subscribe to HRD's ALL Together Newsletter for up-to-date information regarding Assisted Living Licensure
- [MDH Email Updates \(https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNMDH/subscriber/new?topic_id=MNMDH_660\)](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNMDH/subscriber/new?topic_id=MNMDH_660)



The screenshot shows the header of the 'ALL Together News and Updates' newsletter from the Minnesota Department of Health. The header includes the MDH logo and the title 'ALL Together News and Updates' with the subtitle 'News and updates on Assisted Living Licensure'. The date is 'June 15, 2022'. The main content area contains a link to view the newsletter as a webpage, a paragraph explaining the newsletter's purpose, a paragraph about the HRD's mission, and a request to share the newsletter. Below this is a section titled 'In this edition:' with two bullet points: 'Assisted Living Renewals Due, Fee start July 1' and 'ALL Legislative Update - 2022 session'.

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ALL Together News and Updates
News and updates on Assisted Living Licensure

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June 15, 2022

The *ALL Together* newsletter provides updates, details, and information about assisted living licensure for providers, residents, family members, and the public.

The Minnesota Department of Health's Health Regulation Division (HRD) will work to provide information, news, updates, and links to resources for assisted living providers and families to help residents and loved ones live their best lives as they age in place.

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In this edition:

- [Assisted Living Renewals Due, Fee start July 1](#)
- [ALL Legislative Update - 2022 session](#)

Dementia Training Discussion

- Continued conversation regarding dementia training possibilities
- Request for Proposal (RFP) requirements - Contract
 - What would the Council like to see be a part of a proposal?



Round 2 Discussion:

- Recommendation approved by Commissioner Malcolm
- Grants to be issued, up to \$5,000 per applicant
 - First applicants served being those not selected in 2021
- Total amount: \$250,000

July 14, 2022

From: Home Care & Assisted Living Provider Advisory Council
To: Commissioner Jan Malcolm, Minnesota Department of Health

Dear Commissioner Malcolm,

Thank you for your approval in 2020 to use fine revenue from home care providers for grants to mitigate social isolation of vulnerable adults residing in home care provider settings. We are happy to report we found this grant process successful and will share more of that success below. Additionally, we would like to request to bring this idea back for a second round of grants.

On behalf of the Advisory Council, MDH successfully processed and encumbered 25 grant approvals to provide \$56,708.81 in grant funds for the benefit of vulnerable adults here in Minnesota. The Advisory Council solicited feedback from providers who were awarded grant funds, below are a few of the heartwarming comments on how these grants positively helped one or more residents:

- "These were a wonderful addition to our community! In particular, we have 1 resident whose daughter lives in Canada and wasn't able to come to USA due to Covid restrictions and they were able to facetime to see each other and talk. We also are able to take pictures and post to Facebook which help families and friends see their loved ones during activities."
- "The computer has helped the residents a lot. They used it to contact their families as well as their physicians. Residents seem very cheerful and their behavior improved a lot after they were able to talk to their loved ones. Residents were also able to talk to their psychiatrists via zoom using the computer."
- "... is a widow and does not get many visits from family during the week. I approached him and suggested we try this new equipment to contact his daughter. He was all for it and we set up a time...With the iPad on the stand and the wireless headphones on, we proceeded to contact his daughter with Facetime. As soon as she appeared on the large screen Karl had a big smile on his face and they began to visit. I left them to enjoy their time and returned to hear how it went. Karl said "oh boy, she is a sweetheart" and he doesn't get to see his daughter often enough. He told me the experience was "like having gold in his hand... It is a blessing to bring loved ones together with technology so they can connect more frequently. Thank you for providing this precious gift to our residents!"

As mentioned before, in 2019, with the passage of Session Law, Ch. 60, Art. 5, Sec. 2, subd. 3, fine revenue that had previously been deposited into the state government special revenue fund was transferred to a dedicated special revenue account within MDH to help implement recommendations of the Home Care & Assisted Living Advisory Council. The balance of the account totals more than \$1,900,000.

The Advisory Council would like to recommend per [\(144A.4799 subd. 3 \(c\)\)](#) to have second round of this grant process, with a few modifications on lesson's learned from the first round. The Advisory Council would like to issue grants up to \$5,000 to providers (previously was \$2,500), with the first applicants to be served being those not selected in 2021, up to \$250,000 (previously was \$100,000).

Social Isolation Grant lessons learned

- First come first serve – if the applicant scores full points
- Make sure language is clear, no confusion about the ask
 - Emphasize the budget – itemize anticipated budget. Research and determine costs.
 - End result in mind, may already realize they need will have to spend additional money
- Make form/process electronic if possible

Social Isolation Grant lessons learned, cont.

- MDH licensed providers only
- Applicants applied for items they already paid for, need to clarify this is not an option
- Flag to know locations of awardees, or different approach?
- Things to consider:
 - Percentage of residents that use MA/Waiver
 - Look more at an equity perspective

Social Connection Grant discussion

- Review Social Isolation Grant, work on revisions



Thank you!

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Content: Dementia Care Practice Recommendations

- Person-centered focus
- Assessment and care planning
- Medical management
- Information, education and support
- Dementia-related behaviors
- Activities of daily living
- Workforce
- Supportive and therapeutic environment
- Transition and coordination of services
- Detection and diagnosis



Problem

- Providers strapped for funding
- Facilities facing staff shortages and high turnover
- When trained staff leave, facility must identify new staff member to be trained and see they receive the necessary training



Difficult to sustain compliance with law

Proposed Solution

Remove obstacle to dementia training by establishing grant program to support training:

- Use dedicated revenue fund from fines
- Make grants available to:
 - **Individual Professionals** to complete training and competency exam
 - Individual can take training with them - portability
 - Recommend two trained per facility to maintain compliance during staff turnover
 - **Organizations** to have their curriculum reviewed by the Alzheimer's Association



Make the **right** thing to do the **easy** thing to do

Costs

1. Alzheimer's Association 3 hour Person-Centered Dementia Care Training Program and essentiALZ[®] certification exam:
 - a. \$59.99 per person,
 - b. \$32.99 per 5,000 - 7499 people
 - c. 22.99 per 15,000 - 19,499 people
2. Other Recognized Programs : 7 programs, between 2-10 hours each. Variable costs.
3. Alzheimer's Association Curriculum Review: \$1,900
4. Educare Training and Exam: 3 hours: Cost?

Resources

- [Minn. Stat. 144G.83 Additional Training Requirements for Assisted Living Facilities with Dementia Care \(www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/144G.83\)](http://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/144G.83)
- [Guide to Quality Care from the Perspectives of People Living with Dementia](#)