



Home Care & Assisted Living Advisory Council Meeting

November 14, 2022

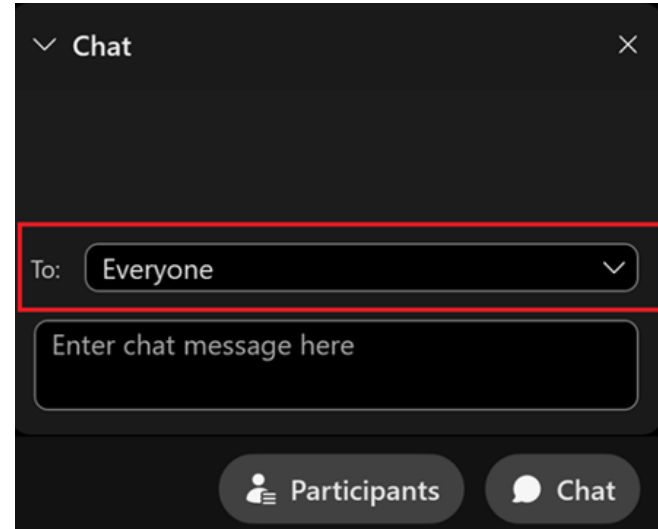
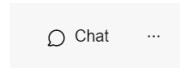
Agenda

- Welcome and housekeeping
- MDH 2023 Legislative Proposal Ideas
- Social Connection Grant
- Other as time allows
- Closing



How to Ask a Question/Provide a Comment

- **Participants are muted.**
- **To ask a question** Click on the chat bubble to open the chat, select Everyone, and ask a question or provide a comment. Messages sent privately may not be addressed due to logistics.
- **We will answer** as many questions as we can at the end of our time today.





Budget Proposal Ideas

Health Regulation Division

Assisted Living Licensure & Home Care

- Like the 2022 proposal, requesting to increase appropriations for Assisted Living and Home Care licensures.
- Working to ensure adequate staffing for oversight of health and safety requirements to align with revenue and meet program demand.
- Additional component for various fine and penalty enforcement. Will help to identify/clarify fine amounts in statute where none was listed before and where fine monies will be deposited.

Safety Improvements for Long-Term Care Facilities

- Same as 2022 proposal, requesting to establish a temporary grant program that would provide support to MDH-licensed long-term care facilities.
- Would be for improvements to physical environment, investments in technology, and other activities to increase safety of residents and staff.
- Assist in reduced risk of transmission of COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory conditions, and to reduce social isolation of residents in facilities.
- Would be administered by Health Policy.



Policy Proposal Ideas

Health Regulation Division

Assisted Living Licensure Revisions

The Department has proposal ideas for the following revisions as part of the continued goal of ensuring resident safety, rights and quality care:

- Clarifies transfers of ownership requirements apply singularly or when done to multiple persons
- Aligns the assisted living director continuing education requirements with those established by the Board of Executives for Long-Term Services and Supports
- Clarifies the concept of a contiguous campus resulting from 2020 law changes
- Clarifies the daily penalty for late renewal submissions stops accruing when the licensee submits its renewal license application and not when the department issues a renewal license

Assisted Living Licensure Revisions, Cont.

- Adds a resident notification requirement when a licensee changes its uniform checklist disclosure of services
- Clarifies when various types of engineering and other plans are required to be submitted to the commissioner for licensure.
- Requires licensees to post their survey and investigation results
- Clarifies hearing rights for conditional licenses
- Modifies the effective date for assisted living contract requirements
- Clarifies the use of the phrase “assisted living” is when a person or entity is licensed under the chapter
- Permits the commissioner to bar a controlling person for being denied a provisional license within the past two years
- Revises the timeline associated with fine accruals for failing to comply with provisional licensing renewal submission requirements

Assisted Living Licensure Revisions, Cont.

- Adds a fine for failing to comply with notification requirements when a change of licensee occurs
- Adds a fine for failing to comply with notification requirements for provisional licensees after they start providing services to residents
- Allows MDH to extend the license expiration date when provisional licenses are denied or revoked, and residents must be properly transferred
- Adds a fine for failing to comply with closure process requirements
- Changes the term “employee” to “staff” for consistency within the chapter and with the licensure rule
- Prohibits the variance or waiver of certain licensure staffing requirements
- Repeals an obsolete section of law

Home Care Survey Process Changes

- Aligning home care survey follow-up requirements with the assisted living licensure requirements.
- Aligning home care survey exit process with the assisted living licensure requirements.

Questions and Discussion



Social Connections Grant - overview

- 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 Connections Grant Review

- 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
- Make form/process electronic if possible

Social Connection Grant discussion

- Review Social Connection Grant and Gov.Delivery messaging



Other Discussion



Thank you!

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