



Oklahoma State Department of Health
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The Honorable Brad Henry
Governor of Oklahoma
State Capitol Building
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Room 212
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Governor Henry:

Pursuant to O.S. 63-1-1923.D.5. of the Nursing Home Care Act, I submit the enclosed annual report of activities from the Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board.

The 2008 Annual Report summarizes our activities for the improvement of services, care, and treatment to Oklahoma residents of nursing and specialized facilities, intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation, continuum of care and assisted living centers, residential care homes and participants in adult day care centers.

Respectfully,

Wendell Short, Chair
Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board

- c: Representative Chris Benge, Speaker of the House of Representatives
Senator Glen Coffee, Senate President Pro Tempore
Terri White, MSW, Commissioner, Oklahoma Department of
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services
Michael Fogarty, CEO, Oklahoma Health Care Authority
Howard H. Hendrick, Cabinet Secretary for Human Services &
Director, Oklahoma Department of Human Services
James M. Crutcher, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health & Commissioner of
Health



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LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY ADVISORY BOARD 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

The Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board held four regular meetings during 2008. The regular meetings were held January 9, April 9, July 9, and October 8. The following is a brief summary of issues discussed and actions taken by the Board.

The Long Term Care Facility Advisory Board did not approve or make any recommendation during the 2008 regular meetings.

Sub-Committees:

1. The Sub-Committee of The Best Practices Medical Directors was appointed at the November 14, 2007 regular meeting to discuss emerging health care issues in Long Term Care Facilities and assess ways to disseminate educational material to Medical Directors of Long Term Care Facilities. The meetings continued into year 2008, the meetings were held on February 20, 2008, June 11, 2008, September 17, 2008 and November 19, 2008. Following are some of the items reviewed by the committee:
 - Overview of quality initiatives in LTC
 - Review of Oklahoma's Scorecard-Health Care Systems, The Oklahoma State Department of Health Commissioner's priorities for improvement in Oklahoma's nursing facilities; Achievable Benchmark, CMS 9th Scope of Work and general discussion.
 - Quality Measures/Quality Indicators (QM/QI) data report, including geographic variation in QMs and QIs

Ad Hoc Committees:

1. An Ad Hoc committee for Activity Director Training was appointed at the April 9, 2008 regular Long Term Care Facility Advisory Board to provide clarification on regulation regarding training for activities and social directors of Long Term Care Facilities. Three meetings were held in 2008; May 8, 2008, June 26, 2008 and August 27, 2008.
2. A Reporting Criminal Acts in Long Term Care Facilities Ad Hoc Committee was appointed at the October 8, 2008 Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board regular meeting. The committee was charged to review the following:
 - Language in the rule regarding criminal acts
 - The rule on reporting criminal acts to Long Term Care, Protective Health Services, Oklahoma State Health Department
 - Resolving any confusion regarding reporting criminal acts in long term care facilities

The meeting agenda items are related to the Long-Term Care Industry. The Long Term Care Facility Advisory Board allocated time at each regular meeting to discuss other Long Term Care issues that may become the responsibility of this Board at some future date.

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Advisory Board Officers for 2008 were elected at the October 8, 2008 meeting. Elected officers are Wendell Short, Chair; Kay Parsons, Vice-Chair; and Margaret Wallace, Secretary-Treasurer.

There are five vacancies on the Long Term Care Facility Advisory Board

The 2009 regular meetings are scheduled on January 7, April 8, July 8 and October 7. The dates were posted on the Secretary of States website on October 10, 2008.