

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 26, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Erickson, Representatives Blanksma, Kingsley, Mitchell, Dixon(24), Gallagher, Healey, Redman, Wheeler, Chew, Rubel, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He then turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Erickson**.

DOCKET NO. 16-0302-2201: **Laura Thompson**, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Facility Standards, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) presented **Docket No. 16-0302-2201**, the skilled nursing facility rule changes. Resident medications are changed to allow administration by Certified Medical Assistants (CMAs). With oversight by the Board of Nursing, use of CMAs will help relieve existing staff shortages.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon (24)** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0302-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0319-2201: **Steve Millward**, Program Manager, Certified Family Home (CFH) Management, Division of Certification, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0319-2201**, a pending CFH fee chapter rewrite. The regulatory oversight fees remain unchanged at \$150 for a one-time application fee and \$25 for ongoing monthly certification fees. The changes clarify, simplify, and reduce regulatory burdens without compromising resident health or safety. When a record of "good citizenship" is established as defined, the recurring criminal history and background check is increased to once every ten years.

Answering questions, **Mr. Millward** said the recurring background check was instigated because the self-reporting system was not working effectively. The annual recertification survey interviews residents, giving them an opportunity to voice any dissatisfaction. They also have the right to express grievances to the provider, who must make a written report, including resolution of the issue. The DHW can require a background check at any time, which addresses delays as an issue goes through the criminal court process. The DHW also has the authority to remove the CFH certification, if necessary. A statewide registry of healthcare providers is in the beginning stages of development.

Francoise Cleveland, Associate State Director, AARP, testified **in support of Docket No. 16-0319-2201** and applauded the DHW's open process for working with stakeholders.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0319-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0733-2201: **Treena Clark**, Policy Manager, Behavioral Health, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0733-2201** for adult mental health services. The changes streamline service accessibility by removing duplication and non-applicable, outdated, or inefficient language.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0733-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Erickson turned the gavel over to the **Chairman Vander Woude**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Representative Erickson
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary