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**California Department of Social Services
Continuing Care Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
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The Continuing Care Advisory Committee (Committee) met at Valle Verde, 900 Calle de los Amigos, Santa Barbara, California. The meeting convened at 9:30 a.m. Members present were: Tom Stringer, Charles Lamb, John Sonneborn, Mary Beth Tompane, and Kathy Kirchhoff. Absent members were: Bernard Werth, Marilyn Oliver, Barbara Hood, John Breaux and Jack Patton. Staff attending from the Continuing Care Contracts Branch (CCCB) were: John Rodriguez, Linda Smith, Allison Nakatomi, Rea Osborne, and Bob Thompson from the Legal Division. Attending from the public were: Mort Swales, Art Christman, Boyd Steele, Dianna Garrett, Lois Friss, Scott Polzin, Joyce Chavez, Judy Thorndyke, Jack Christy, and several residents of Valle Verde and University Village Thousand Oaks.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

Mr. Stringer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He thanked Ron Schaeffer and his staff from Valle Verde for hosting the meeting.

Approval/Correction of November 13, 2007 Advisory Committee Minutes

Mr. Stringer asked the Committee members if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes. There were no changes made to the minutes of February 26, 2008, and they were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Update

Mr. Jack Christy from Aging Services of California (ASC) reported that AB 1022 (Saldana) will allow California CCRC providers to offer care outside their physical plant. He stated that the bill is moving through the legislature and ASC hopes there is no opposition. He added that ASC's website is www.aging.org and information is available on specific bills and their progress in the legislative process.

Mr. Lamb and Ms. Tompane stated there are some resident concerns that if the legislation passes it will detract from services they are now receiving or have an economic impact on the CCRC residents. Neither Mr. Lamb or Ms. Tompane were aware of any opposition to the bill.

Mr. Thompson stated that the bill does address those concerns, the Department has been sensitive to those issues, and that any continuing care provider that desires to offer a continuing care at home program must first obtain the Department's approval. In order to obtain that approval and consent, the provider must provide a financial analysis as well as an actuarial study showing the financial impact of the proposed operation. At that point, CDSS will examine exactly what the provider is offering as it does not necessarily have to offer access to

its continuing care facility; it can offer continuing care at home without the impact on its continuing care residents or facilities. The idea is that care at home will afford the provider additional revenue and augment their financial strength rather than threaten it. Mr. Thompson added that AB 1022 does not open the door for care at home, it simply sets the requirements for providing a care at home program.

SB 489

Mr. Christy reported that this bill is active again. ASC had been opposed to the bill but they have been working with Senator Steinberg to resolve some problems and hope to be able to change their position to neutral.

Revisit: RCFE Licensure of Independent Living Units (ILUs)

Mr. Stringer stated that all units in CCRCs, including ILUs, are licensed as a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE). The RCFE regulations really are not applicable to ILUs. He stated this Committee should form a subcommittee to study the issue and work with the Senior Care Program to determine whether it would be possible to create a separate category of licensure for CCRC independent living units. Licensing Program Analysts are dancing on eggs when they go to independent living units because they fall under the RCFE license but are not assisted living units.

Mr. Lamb made a motion to implement an ad hoc subcommittee to address this issue. It was seconded and agreed on. Mr. Stringer asked Mr. Lamb, Ms. Tompane, Ms. Kirchhoff, a representative from ASC, and Mr. Rodriguez or Mr. Thompson to serve on the subcommittee. In the next ten days Mr. Stringer stated that he would contact all these members and try to have a meeting before the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Continuing Care Forum for Directorate

Mr. Stringer reported that a Continuing Care Forum for the Department's Directorate was held on April 28 at Eskaton Village in Sacramento. Attendees included Director John Wagner, Pierre Imbert, Special Assistant to the Directorate, and Jo Frederick, Deputy Director, Community Care Licensing Division. The purpose was to educate the new Director on continuing care and emerging issues. Presenters at the Forum included Anne Burns-Johnson from ASC, Allan Jergesen from Hanson Bridgett, Randy Stoll from Mt. San Antonio Gardens, Dave Ferguson from ABHOW, Todd Murch from Eskaton, Tom Stringer from Freedom Village, Mary Munoz from Ziegler Capital Markets, Bill Hendrickson of Hendrickson Consulting, and A. V. Powell from A.V. Powell and Associates.

Mr. Rodriguez reported that Mr. Wagner was appreciative of presenters at the forum and indicated that in the future he would like to meet with some residents and resident's associations to get their perspectives. Mr. Stringer stated that it was a very productive day and he was very impressed with Mr. Wagner's enthusiasm, his attention and his questions. Mr. Thompson added that another thing that came out of the forum is that all providers are different and there is no one model that governs continuing care. There are different types of contracts including life care contracts and different types of philosophies that the providers brought to their attention.

Update: Capital Markets – Kathy Kirchhoff

Ms. Kirchhoff gave a brief summary of recent developments in the capital markets.

CCRC Website

Ms. Nakatomi gave a presentation on the new CCRC Website. She briefly described information which can be found on the website. The website address is: calccrc.ca.gov.

Dakim Brain Fitness for Seniors

Mr. Sonneborn announced he will be resigning from the Committee. He reported that he has been using the Dakim Brain Fitness for seniors for the past eight months and feels it is helpful. The computer software program is an innovative, affordable and practical solution to assist the aging population to maintain brain health and fight Alzheimer's disease.

NEW MATTERS UPON REQUEST BY PUBLIC ATTENDEES

There were no new matters upon request by public attendees.

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Report on Status of Applications

Ms. Nakatomi reported on the status of applications (attached).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.