

# Long-term Care Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

## January 4, 2024

### Welcome:

Bonita Campo reviewed the meeting agenda and shared a [survey link](#) regarding potential changes to the meeting time, and the possibility of posting subcommittee information on the DOH Long-term Care webpage.

- Survey is open until January 11<sup>th</sup> will results will be shared the week of January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- If a new meeting time is the majority vote, the change will take place in March and an updated invite will be sent out.

### Presentations:

#### Jessica Zering

- Shared AMS tip of the month focusing on studies related to ASP and UTI perceptions among older adults and caregivers.
- Highlighted new resources like PCR testing guidance and patient education on penicillin allergies.
- Detailed findings from a qualitative study on ASP, UTI perceptions, and education opportunities for patients and families.
- Provided additional solutions and resources for effective patient education on antibiotic usage.

#### Allison Templeton

- Discussed changes in the COVID outbreak definition for healthcare, emphasizing the removal of healthcare worker only outbreaks and shifts in the reporting thresholds for public health.

### Group Introductions, Questions/Discussion:

**Linda Dunn** - Residential Care Services Regulatory QA Training Program Manager.

- Shared updates about new hires within their team for infection control and emergency preparedness.

**Jamie Ford** - Infection Prevention Control Specialist for Residential Care Services.

**Leena Quraini** - New Infection Preventionist for Chelan Douglas Health District.

- Introduced herself as new to the position and in the initial stages of familiarizing herself with the role and area.

**Lisa Stubenrauch** - President of the Washington State Chapter of Nadona.

- Mentioned the WA State Chapter of Nadona is not currently active secondary to member lack of participation.
- All members receive their professional journal by mail and resources via email
- 37th Annual Conference is June 2024 in Kansas City, Missouri
- Mentioned the high rate of respiratory virus/COVID outbreaks being observed in the state.

<https://nadona.org>

**Nina Sanderson** - Represents Comagine Health, the QIN/QIO for the state of Washington providing no cost confidential consultation to nursing homes on certain initiatives that CMS has requested them to target on.

- Discussed various initiatives targeting nursing homes, including support for COVID vaccine administration, emergency preparedness plans, and data analysis to identify struggling facilities.  
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**Jessica Herrera** - Epidemiologist for the DOH HAIAR Education and Guidance Development team.

- Introduced herself as the EGD ambassador.

### **Conclusion:**

Next meeting is February 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM. Please send agenda items to [bonita.campo@doh.wa.gov](mailto:bonita.campo@doh.wa.gov).

### **Shared Resources:**

[CVEEP Youre-Covered Coverage-Overview 0923.pdf \(covidvaccineproject.org\)](#)

[PAXCESS™ | PAXLOVID™ \(nirmatrelvir tablets; ritonavir tablets\)](#)

[Interim COVID-19 Outbreak Definition for Healthcare Settings \(wa.gov\)](#)

[Nursing Home Resources | Washington State Department of Health](#)