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ORANGE COUNTY NURSING HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Teri Driscoll, at 5:30pm.

The following members were present: Teri Driscoll, chair, Jerry Ann Gregory, Vicki Barringer, Vibeke Talley, Jerry Schreiber, Molly Stein, Susie Deter, Martha Bell, Charlotte Terwilliger, Ombudsman, and Mary Fraser, Liaison from the Orange County Department on Aging.

The minutes of the September 1st meeting were approved as written.

A guest, Bernadette Pelissier, was introduced. Ms. Pelissier is the Vice-Chair of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

Martha Bell, was welcomed as our newest Committee appointee. She has been approved by the BOCC but has not yet completed her required training.

Site reports from Carolina Pointe, Carol Woods, and Signature Health Care Centers were reviewed and approved.

Committee member terms and site visit assignments were reviewed. Susie Deter volunteered to help out with additional site visits, as needed.

Report from Charlotte Terwilliger, Ombudsman: The Triangle J AAA held a regional meeting recently on emergency planning procedures in long-term care facilities. Another meeting is planned in January 2016. Throughout 2016, Triangle J will focus on the following advocacy efforts:

1. More required RN coverage (from 8hrs/day to 24 hrs/day)
2. Required minimum ratio of nursing staff to residents (no requirement at present)
3. Remove arbitration choice limitation within admission contracts.

Charlotte announced that she will retire at the end of January 2016.

Report from Mary Fraser, OCDOA liaison: Three NFs participated in the Long-term Care Learning Collaborative training on Palliative Care: The Comfort Zone held last month (Brookshire, Signature, Carol Woods). They will be eligible for further participation in the 2016 LTC Quality Service Awards process. The OCDOA received a federal grant to increase services to caregivers of persons with dementia. Part of this grant will focus on direct care worker training, including those working in LTC facilities.

The next meeting will be held on January 5, 2016 at 5:30pm at the Seymour Center in Chapel Hill.

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Fraser, acting Secretary