



FLORIDA OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

ADVOCATING FOR QUALITY LONG-TERM CARE

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- Only provides for 10 hours of classroom training, whereas statute calls for a minimum of 16 hours of education. Simulation and competency are fine, but should be in addition to 16 hour of classroom training.
- Should require facility to maintain record of all PCA candidates who worked there, including those who don't meet competencies, and should be required to report this to AHCA to monitor compliance with four-month limitation.
- PCAs should be taught how to measure blood pressure with a manual cuff.
- Observations to Nurse/Manager under Skin Care – should clarify that PCA should only observe and report regarding open area/skin condition, observed bruises, etc. and may not take any independent action, such as replacing a dressing dislodged during care.
- Five-year sunset date? Lynn to research whether this is required or permitted by law.

Public Comment: Kathy Glazer ARNP stated that a nurse in-training receives more than 10 hours of classroom instruction in personal care. She did not believe that 10 hours of classroom training could cover personal care and all other training required by statute. Pat Hamilton stated 16 hours should be the minimum classroom training. It really isn't enough.

A motion to submit these comments to AHCA was made, seconded, and approved unanimously by the workgroup.

4. Staffing in ALFs – Current AHCA Rule 59A-36.010, pertaining to Assisted Living Facilities, was distributed to the workgroup. Members were asked to review it and come to the next meeting prepared to discuss whether we wish to advocate for any changes to it.
5. PCA Rule Workshop – Lynn Hearn will attend the public rule development workshop on 10/29/21. Lynn will send the committee members the telephone number to access the workshop live.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved.
- Workgroup adjourned at 3:55 PM.