

## **DHS 88 Adult Family Homes - Advisory Committee Meeting**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**May 17, 2023 at 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.**

#### **1. Welcome and DHS 88 Advisory Committee Check-in**

Committee members and DHS staff introduced themselves. Committee member included: Susan Anderson, Charlotte Moore. DHS Staff included: Cheryl Bott, Pat Benesh.

#### **2. Department to Receive Comments From Committee Members Regarding the Initial Draft Rule**

The Committee completed a line-by-line review of DHS 88.41 through DHS 88.55.

- No comments were provided by the Committee regarding Common areas and limited comments were provided regarding resident bedrooms.
- The committee recommended eliminating the requirement that ceilings must be at least 7 feet high.
- The Committee requested removing the requirement that a resident with a child is limited to 1 resident and the child.
- Basement bedrooms must have 2 exits to the outside or to grade. Windows in basement are not considered exits.
- Bath and toilet room, the toilet room must have sufficient space to provide for a turning radius for a resident wheelchair or walker. The Committee recommend, if applicable.
- The committee questioned why electric hand dryers are used in an Adult Family Home as hand dryers are not very homelike.
- No comments were provided regarding Housekeeping Services, and Storage areas.
- Building Maintenance, recommend removing language regarding interior areas being free from stains, soil, and chipped paint.
- Under building support systems, the Committee recommended adding a fire inspection every 6 months.
- The Committee recommended dropping the language regarding transoms, transfer grilles and louvers in bedrooms.

- No comments were provided regarding garages and exists and doors, delayed egress, and patio doors.
- The Committee asked for clarification of requirements regarding the height of handrails on ramps.
- No comments received regarding resident safety requirements, fire safety requirements and fire extinguishers.
- The Committee recommended adding carbon monoxide detectors to the code.
- Fire Protection System, the interconnected system should be inspected, cleaned, and tested by a certified or qualified personal in according with NFPA 72. Omit sensitivity testing.
- Sprinkler systems are required in homes with at least 1 resident who is non-ambulatory, or ambulatory or semi-ambulatory and who are capable of exiting the AFH with an evacuation time of 4 minutes or more, with or without verbal or physical prompting. For facilities that meet this requirement, facilities have 5 years to come into compliance with the requirement. Committee members identified this as a significant expense, adding the 5 year delay will be much needed. Members expressed need for discussion with MCOs to increase in reimbursements to help with costs.

Throughout the meeting Committee members asked questions and requested clarification for several provisions in the draft rule. DQA staff explained the reason why certain requirements were included in the draft. The Committee often provided substitute language for consideration by DHS and the substitute language was frequently accepted at the meeting. On other occasions, comments or recommendations made by the Committee were reviewed by DQA staff after the Advisory Committee Meeting. At the beginning of the next meeting, DHS staff would provide draft language for Committee members to consider before moving on to the next section of the draft rule.

### **3. Scheduling of Additional DHS 88 Advisory Committee Meetings**

The next DHS 88 Advisory Committee meeting was scheduled with the Committee for May 24, 2023 at 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM