

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DRUG REHAB RECOVERY HOMES

Minutes of the Meeting
November 18, 2015
10:00 a.m., House Hearing Room 1

Members Present:

Senator Nancy Barto
Senator David Bradley
Senator Steve Pierce
Albert Black
David de la Torre
Laura Hartgroves
Emily Jenkins
Thomas Litwicki

Representative Noel Campbell, Chair
Representative Karen Fann
Heidi Skelley
Sharon Unterreiner
Jim Wallin
Kathy Waters
Dale Wiebusch
Alison Zelms

Members Absent:

Penny Free
Karen Hellman

Representative Eric Meyer

Staff:

Ingrid Garvey, House Research Analyst
Mike Hans, House Research Assistant Analyst
Emily Mercado, Senate Research Analyst

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and attendance was taken.

Mike Hans, House Research Assistant Analyst, gave an overview of the Committee purpose.

Opening Remarks

Representative Campbell gave opening remarks.

Review of Inpatient/Outpatient Insurance Coverage for Substance Abuse Treatment

Staff distributed a handout entitled "Continuum of treatment for Substance Use Disorders" (Attachment A).

Presentations

Sharon Unterreiner, Aetna Insurance, gave a background and overview on insurance companies regarding credentialing and contracted provider's process. Ms. Unterreiner gave an overview of the handout distributed (Attachment A) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Laura Hartgroves, Network Development and Advocacy Administrator, Health Choice Integrated Care (HCIC), gave a background and overview of the handout distributed (Attachment A) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Doug Dolan, Co-owner, Recovery in the Pines, gave a personal background and an overview of the housing and quality of care. Mr. Dolan answered questions posed by the Committee.

Consideration of Committee Recommendations

Staff distributed a handout entitled "Proposal for Committee Consideration" (Attachment B).

Committee Discussion

The Committee discussed the solutions and the recommendations.

Representative Fann moved the Committee recommends that legislation be drafted to allow cities, towns and counties to adopt ordinances to allow for the regulation of health safety and personnel standards and require registration for structured sober living homes. The legislation will also include a definition for structured sober living homes. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Representative Fann noted for the record Heidi Skelley and Jim Wallin voted no on the motion.

Closing Remarks

Representative Campbell gave closing remarks.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toy Brown
Committee Secretary

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