

# SHB 1218 Disaster Preparedness Rule Making



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<b>Date</b>	August 17, 2022	<b>Time</b>	1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
<b>Objectives</b>	Meeting #4, Review Rule Recommendations: Discuss common understanding of gaps between statuses and rules, Review research and discuss rule recommendations, Identify areas of consensus		

## Notes

Time	Lead	Topic
1:30 PM	Brian Laughlin	Recap from last meeting
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussed the hazards identified in SHB 1218 disaster plan requirements</li> <li>- Reviewed high level summary of rule gaps</li> <li>- Discussed some of the terms and issues identified in SHB 1218</li> <li>- Follow up question: Regarding the question to RCS about what specific issues led to requiring 24 hour communications for residents, RCS stated that there were no specific issues and the use of this language in bill stems from resident rights and ensuring residents continue to have ability to make calls when they want to.</li> </ul>
	Brian Laughlin	Communications Rule Recommendations
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reviewed gap analysis worksheet and what was captured from previous meetings on rule recommendations</li> <li>- The work group had general consensus with what was captured and in keeping the rules as close to the spirit of the statute as possible</li> <li>- For nursing home rules, RCS staff will review Federal requirements to make sure there are no conflicts.</li> <li>- RCS staff will type up the rule recommendations from the discussions and share those with the group</li> </ul>
	Brian Laughlin	Next Steps
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RCS staff asked for feedback on work group process so far. In terms of content, format, and time of meetings, the work group stated they liked the meeting structure and that breaking down the rule text into smaller pieces is helpful.</li> <li>- Now that the work group is wrapping up the rule recommendations for the communications sections of SHB1218, the next topic to explore are the sections related to visitation and essential support persons (SHB 1218 sections 6 and 20).</li> <li>- In open conversation about visitation and essential support persons, the work group suggested looking at most recent safe start plans, current bills from other states on this topic, and Federal CMS rules for research to bring to the work group for consideration in developing rule recommendations.</li> <li>- Some of the concerns from COVID-19 that led to the visitation issues include impacts to residents from prolonged isolation, recurring changes to guidance, and communicating information.</li> <li>- RCS staff will conduct further research into the above issues</li> <li>- Next meeting on September 21 at 1:30 PM.</li> </ul>