

Adult Family Home Council

2021 Legislative Agenda



As we look forward to the 2021 Legislative Session we would like to share with you our board approved 2021 Legislative Agenda. We hope you will take the time to review our agenda, ask questions and prepare for our call to action when the time comes. We can already safely assume that our scheduled lobby day on March 3, 2021 will not be in person and are preparing for a virtual lobby day. In the meantime, we will be preparing talking points for you to contact your legislators accordingly. Please let us know if you have questions and stay tuned!



Funding of AFH Council's Collective Bargaining Contract

- The CB contract provides: Modest increases to the Medicaid Base Daily Rates, Health Care and Training Benefits
- Improvements and Retention of the Meaningful Day Activity Program
- Improved Response Time from DSHS Case Management
- Review of Overpayment Process and Notices



Support legislation to address the rules suspended and/or amended through gubernatorial proclamations

- Training rules (*Goal: Remove timelines from statute, provide the department with the ability to suspend rules in the case of future outbreaks/pandemics*)
- Visitation/Resident Rights (*Establish in statute the ability to modify the rights of residents to have a visitor when managing infection control protocol*)



Correct the Disparity of County Designation

King County vs Metropolitan Service Area vs Non Metropolitan Service Area



Address AFH Liability Insurance Issues

- Direct DSHS to immediately transition the current inflammatory/sensational language used in AFH citation and enforcement actions to plain talk language in order to help insurers and consumers understand the nature of the regulatory citation
- Direct DSHS to display the severity and resolution of citation/enforcement actions in plain talk as to be better understood by the consumers and insurers
- Modify current requirements to reflect the availability and challenges in the current market



Protect against Cuts to the Long Term Care system

- Provider Rate Cuts: 2.4 percent rate cuts across the board for Medicaid providers
- Client Eligibility Cuts: This reduction option for temporary program eligibility changes would result in the loss of AL TSA services for over 12,000 people served in their own homes, community settings and nursing homes, and a reduction in DSHS (AAA) staff