

## **Residential Care Home Evacuation & Mutual Aid Digital Platform Workgroup**

### **Agenda**

**Date:** Tuesday, November 18, 2025

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Location:** Virtual – Microsoft Teams

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Meeting ID: 222 070 786 704 3

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### **Call to Order**

- Welcome and opening remarks by the State Ombudsman (Chair) and Roll call

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (October 21, 2025)**

### **Proposed Updates and Data Review Dependent on Speaker Availability**

- **DPH Review and Oversight Process**
  - FLIS team on DPH emergency oversight and lessons learned from prior RCH evacuations and closures
- **RCH Experiences and Best Practices**
  - Discussion with invited RCH providers who have managed emergency evacuations and successful re-admissions
- **Mutual Aid Digital Platform**
  - Overview of Connecticut's Long-Term Care Mutual Aid Plan (nursing home sector)
  - Potential for adaptation to RCHs
  - Pros/cons for smaller facilities

### **Policy Development Discussion**

- Identification of Best Practices toward development of an RCH-specific Sheltering Framework
  - Distinction between evacuation, sheltering, and admission
  - Payment, staffing, and medication transport issues
  - Best practices (e.g., Manchester insurance/hotel model)
  - CMS guidance related to waiver services during emergency sheltering

### **Action Items and Assignments**

### **Next Meeting Confirm date/time (proposed monthly schedule)**

### **Adjournment**