

Residential Care Home Evacuation & Mutual Aid Digital Platform Workgroup

Agenda

Date: September 23, 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 of attendees

Review Statutory Charge (Public Act 25-16, Sec. 8)

- Examine residential care home evacuation procedures
- Consider requiring residential care homes to participate in a mutual aid digital platform
- Reminder: Report due to the General Assembly by January 1, 2026

Introductions

- Members and stakeholders introduce themselves and their roles

Discussion Items

- **Evacuation Procedures**
 - Review of current regulatory framework (DPH Sec. 19-13-D6)
 - Strengths, gaps, and challenges in RCH evacuation practices
 - Consideration of lessons learned from recent closures and emergencies
- **Mutual Aid Digital Platform**
 - Overview of existing long-term care mutual aid plan (nursing homes)
 - Potential adaptation for residential care homes
 - Feasibility, benefits, and concerns

Next Steps

- Data requests and assignments (DPH, DSS, Ombudsman, RCH representatives)
- Scheduling of follow-up meeting and potential platform presentation

Adjournment