

LTC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

4/13/2022

Attendees

- Cynthia Roat
- Katherine Templet
- Karen Jost
- Antoinette Wynne
- Leroy Mould
- Milena Calderari-Waldron
- Stacy Winokur
- Yvonne Simpson
- Larysa House
- Ubah Warsame
- Ruiqin Miao
- Helen Marge Henera
- Kathleen Prieto

LTC Updates

- Changes in Staff: New program manager started on 4/1/2022.
- Testing
 - LTC opened public testing schedules for April and May 2022; will open June 2022 schedule in May.
 - News of resuming public testing has been shared with internal and external stakeholders; schedules are posted on the LTC program website.
 - LTC revised testing procedures incorporating COVID-19 safety and health measures in compliance with state and federal guidelines regarding social distancing, masking, sanitization, etc.

Fill rates

- Fill rates in the past 6 months (8/31/2021-2/28/2022): Overall rate was 80%; Russian was the only language with a rate above 90%, but not in all counties.
- Fill rates in the previous year (1/31/2021-12/31/2021)*: Overall rate was 82%; Russian was the only language with a rate above 90%, but not in all counties.
*Note: The rate for 1/2021 was not available at the time when data was retrieved.
- Since the fill rates of Russian were below 90% in some counties (i.e. not above 90% in all counties), there is no need to limit testing.

Questions and discussion

- Impact of the hold on testing on the volume of available language access providers
- Potential need for Pashto and Dari among the incoming Afghan refugees
- Can DSHS/LTC survey interpreters regarding professional participation?
- Does the RCW specifically say that the fill rate has to be in each county or is it overall statewide?
- How does DSHS/LTC score tests?
- Can DSHS/LTC consider issuing ID badges?

Housekeeping

- Meeting dates for the rest of 2022: 5/11, and 6/15

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