3701-17-06 Responsibility of operator and nursing home administrator; quality assurance committee.

...(C) Each nursing home shall establish and maintain a quality assurance committee consisting of the director of nursing, the medical director or physician designee and at least three other members of the home’s staff.

(1) The quality assurance committee shall meet at least quarterly to systematically monitor and evaluate the quality of care and quality of life provided in the home, review and investigate incidents and accidents that have occurred in the home, including, but not limited to, those related to the use of restraints as required by rule paragraph (H) of rule 3701-17-15 of the Administrative Code, identify problems and trends, and develop and implement appropriate plans of action to correct identified problems.

(2) The records of the quality committee meetings are not required to be disclosed to the director. The director shall verify through interviews with committee members and, as necessary, direct care staff that the home has a quality assurance committee which addresses quality concerns, that staff know how to access that process, and that the committee has established a protocol or method for addressing specific quality problems in the nursing home that the home believes to have now been resolved.

(3) Good faith attempts by the committee to identify and correct quality deficiencies will not be used as a basis for sanctions.

3701-17-15 Restraints.

...(H) Members of the nursing home’s quality assurance committee, required by rule 3701-17-06 of the Administrative Code, shall review monthly the use of restraints and isolation and any incidents that resulted from their use, as well as incidents which resulted in the use of restraints or isolation. The review shall identify any trends, increases, and problems, the need for additional training, consultations or corrective action which shall be discussed and reflected in the minutes of the next quality assurance committee meeting.