



Hearing: Ensuring Quality and Oversight in
Assisted Living
November 2, 2011

Chaired by Aging Committee member, Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL)

NEGLECTED TO DEATH

Day 1

THE DEATH
OF
AURORA NAVAS



Day 2

THE ACCIDENTAL LIFE
OF
CANNON POINT

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Themes

- Encourage states to enforce the laws that they should
- Have ombudsman more involved with residents of assisted living to help with advocacy and oversight
- Require a standardized information disclosure statement
- More information on-line including regulatory compliance to help consumers make better choices

Themes

- Better protection and oversight of assisted living communities
- More leverage for CMS if states are not providing quality for residents living in assisted living and receiving funds under the HCB waiver program
- Improve collaboration of all key stakeholder to improve quality and oversight of assisted living communities

Wisconsin

- Positive shout out by Steve Maag, LeadingAge and by Dr. Polvika regarding how Wisconsin effectively regulates assisted living
- Florida Assisted Living Workgroup asked BAL to review their regulations and process and make recommendations
<http://ahca.myflorida.com/SCHS/ALWG2011/alwg2011.shtml>
- CMS, Division of Long Term Services and Supports conference call with BAL to discuss successful collaboration between regulatory agency and HCB waiver agency

Impact to WI assisted living?

- Wisconsin is seen as a national model related to regulations, collaboration, advocacy, quality with HCB waiver program, effective provider associations and an engaged industry.

