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## ASSISTED LIVING FORUM

**Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**The June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Assisted Living Forum will be held online using Zoom meeting technology.**

Meeting ID: 160 514 4730 [Join Zoom Meeting](#) **Join by Phone:** 1-646-828-7666

**General Session**  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Bureau Updates/Trends** - Ken Brotheridge, Bureau of Assisted Living (BAL) Director
- DHS DQA Provider Portal
  - DHS 88 Rule Update
  - Upcoming Forums
  - Four-Year Entity Background Check
- Jerry Riederer - Bureau of Education, Services and Technology (BEST) Nurse Consultant
- FOCUS 2026 Conference Update
- 10:15 a.m. Wisconsin Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Prevention Program** – Regional Infection Preventionists: Anna Marciniak and Greta Starr
- Wisconsin HAI Prevention Program structure and services
  - *Candida auris* (*C. auris*) update
  - Environmental services, education and resources
- 10:45 a.m. Provider Finder** - Emily Virnig, BEST - Automation Coordinator
- 11:00 a.m. Survey Collaboration** - Kathy Teske, BAL Deputy Bureau Director and Vicky Wittman, Northeastern Regional Office (NERO) Regional Director
- Access to Records
  - DQA/Provider Relationships During the Assisted Living Survey Process

- Provider Perspective - Anne Altenhofen-Krause, Assisted Living Licensee
- Surveyor Perspective - Nichole Hall, Health Services Specialist
- Survey Readiness Best Practices - Shelley Johnson, Nurse Consultant

**11:40 a.m. WI Community-Based Care and Treatment Training Registry Updates** – Director Margie Reichwald, Program Specialist Kennedy Suhr, Program Coordinator Megan Ruplinger

**11:50 a.m. General Question and Answer Session**

**12:00 p.m. Adjourn**

Prior to the forum, providers may submit questions to [DHSDQABALCENTRAL@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSDQABALCENTRAL@dhs.wisconsin.gov).

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The Assisted Living Forum is intended for professionals working in the industry to share best practices and stay informed on evolving issues to serve their customers. If you are a member of the Media, you are welcome to attend, however, please refrain from asking questions during the Q & A portion of the event. If you have inquiries, contact DHS Communications at [dhsmedia@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhsmedia@dhs.wisconsin.gov).