

# Dementia Care Work Group

Summary of Recommendations

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# PERSON-CENTERED FOCUS IS THE CORE OF QUALITY CARE



# General Recommendations

1. People living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias are not required to reside in a dementia care setting.
2. There should be additional license or certification requirements – i.e. minimum standards and disclosure – for dementia care settings.
3. Since people with dementia will live in all types of long-term care settings, all assisted living settings should meet minimum dementia training requirements.

# Training

## **Agreement:**

- Require for all involved in care delivery or have regular contact
- Require evaluation of competency
- Ongoing
- Portable

## **Specific for DCU**

- Shorten completion timeframe
- Require on-floor supervision until training completed

## **Close, but needs more work:**

- Culturally competent
- Monitored by MDH
- Trainer requirements

## **Disagreements:**

- Hours of training required
- Require supervision until training completion in all Assisted Living

# Disclosure

## **Agreement:**

- Publicly available
- MAARC info
- Emergency procedures

## **Close, but needs more work:**

- MDH review in surveys
- Admission/discharge/transfer
- Staffing patterns

## **Disagreements:**

- Enforcement with MDH instead of AG
- Staff ratios

# Minimum Standards/Requirements

## **Agreement:**

- Not in conflict with NH stds
- Training\*
- Awake-staff
- Disclosure\*

## **Close, but needs more work:**

- Activities
- Behaviors
- Medical management
- Physical environment