

Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis
Hearing on “Examining Long-Term Care in America: The Impact of the Coronavirus in Nursing Homes”
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I am the daughter of June Kinney who died at St Peter's Nursing Home on May 23, 2020, with COVID-19 this is my written testimony regarding the examination of long-term care in America: the impact of the Coronavirus in nursing homes. I swear to tell the truth so help me God.

Over the past six years, my family members and I have had experiences with five nursing homes in two different states Florida and New York. It is extremely clear that the elderly population, the one that has given so much to our country, has been forgotten. It is disturbing that in my opinion today’s lawmakers think it’s OK to forget about this population in nursing homes. They are forgotten as they sit at times in their own waste and filth waiting for someone to bring them proper attention, food, water, and/or medicine.

I have personally witnessed the following:

- Call bells not been answered in a timely manner
- Specific needs regarding food requirements are not followed
- A lack of supervision/assistance while eating meals
- People were not up and dressed in a timely manner(especially on weekends)
- Lack of supervision or medical staff in group functions
- Wheelchairs not cleaned on regular basis
- Ex. my mothers wheelchair was dripping wet with urine.
- Hearing Aids and dentures not put in, or someone else’s put in by mistake
- Activities are not engaging

To think that four CNAs on a floor could adequately accommodate 40 residents is unrealistic; especially when two people are needed to hoist a resident when necessary. My family and I have had personal experiences in the following nursing homes:

1. Pathways Nursing and Rehabilitation: 1805 Providence Ave. Niskayuna NY 12309
 - a. Didn’t have hot running water
2. Daughters of Sarah: 180 Washington Ave. Extension Albany NY 12203
 - a. Laid my mother down after vomiting
3. St. Peter's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center: 301 Hackett Blvd., Albany Ny 12208
4. Glendale Nursing Home: 59 HetchelTown Rd., Scotia NY 12302
 - a. My mother in law died of a brain bleed from an unsupervised fall.
5. Winter Haven Health and Rehabilitation: 202 Ave. 0 NE Winter Haven Florida 33880
 - a. Disgusting and filthy upon arrival. Pubic hair on the toilet, sink, and waste bucket not emptied.
 - b. Horrible staff

- c. I found my mother naked with only a diaper with her whole trach pulled out with a cleaning person in the room mopping the floor. Her bottom broke down in 3 days.

Many of these problems are directly related to lack of staff; especially on weekends. Agency people would be required to fill in missing staff gaps. This, combined with the lack of knowledge of individual patient needs contributed to compromised care; especially during the times of the Coronavirus. I suggest educational programs to entice individuals to grow within the health field and facilities.

To answer the question, what can Congress do? GET RID OF THE CORRUPTION and pay for quality services for residence and not pocket the money elsewhere. Governor Cuomo is a prime example. My mother and many others suffered in many ways while he pompously preached to the world and was awarded an Emmy, it's sickening.