

**§ 58-64-40. Right to organization.**

(a) A resident living in a facility operated by a provider licensed under this Article has the right of self-organization, the right to be represented by an individual of the resident's own choosing, and the right to engage in concerted activities to keep informed on the operation of the facility in which the resident resides or for other mutual aid or protection.

(b) The board of directors or other governing body of a provider or its designated representative shall hold semiannual meetings with the residents of each facility operated by the provider for free discussions of subjects including, but not limited to, income, expenditures, and financial trends and problems as they apply to the facility and discussions of proposed changes in policies, programs, and services. Upon request of the most representative residents' organization, a member of the governing body of the provider, such as a board member, a general partner, or a principal owner shall attend such meetings. Residents shall be entitled to at least seven days advance notice of each meeting. An agenda and any materials that will be distributed by the governing body at the meetings shall remain available upon request to residents. (1989, c. 758, s. 1; 1999-132, s. 2.4; 2001-223, s. 22.3; 2003-193, s. 9.)