

**District of Columbia Health Care Association
DCHCA**

Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2009

I. Call to order

Steve Nash, President called to order the Board meeting of the DCHCA at 10 a.m. on February 17th at Washington Center for Aging Services.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Steve Nash, Sandy Douglass, Gail Jernigan, Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe, Solanges Vivens, Willi Page, Donna Williamson and Susan Hargreaves.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The January 28th meeting minutes reflected errors under the Roll Call. The following members will be added, as they were present for the January 28th meeting... Solanges Vivens, Joe Umoron, Alberta Brasfield, Willi Page and Nora Wellington.

IV. Financials

The January balance sheet and YTD P&L were presented and accepted by all present members.

V. Reimbursement Update

There was a discussion about the 6.4% interim rate increases and the facility rate changes based upon Case Mix Index scores. Some members present stated that they had not yet received the payments there were also questions regarding the calculations used to determine the increases.

The Executive Director and Financial Committee will meet with John McCarthy, the new Medicaid Director, to get clarification on the formula.

VI. DC Board Goals and Objectives

Steve Nash wanted to make sure that members had input as to Board goals and objectives. Solanges suggested that membership be asked their opinion re: what they'd like the focus of the Board to be.

Gail suggested that we ask for input online under the DCHCA-Members only. At this point, the goals are to:

Increase membership interest and involvement by:

- Putting information on the website
- Expanding the focus to include AL, IL, and CCRC's.
- Help facilities in trouble
- Through networking through peer groups with a focus on communication, i.e.: If a DCHCA member asks a question, a response is needed even if you are unable to give the answer at that time.
- Encourage networking of DONs and HR directors
- Improve venter relationships with associate members
- Improve relationships between facilities
- Committees should be structured and have membership involvement
- Legislative support i.e. Nursing Home week in May might be a good time to have council members visit your facility.

Legislative/ Rulemaking

HORA: Council Member, David Catania, Chair, Committee on Health has accepted the change in language regarding LPN's and their ability to make assessments that was put forward by DCHCA. There is additional work to do on this topic as the Board of Nursing begins to write regulations on this topic.

The Board of Nursing is meeting with nursing facility Directors of Nursing this morning and DCHCA members will ask their nurses to share information about the meeting and topics discussed.

Adverse Events

There will be a meeting with Dr. Waldu on March 2nd at 2:30 p.m to discuss the Adverse Events reporting requirements. All administrators should plan to attend.

There was thought that it would be helpful to have a conference call on February 25th prior to the meeting with Dr. Waldu. Updates as to time and call in information to follow.

Oversight hearings: February 27th on Department of Health.

February 23rd on Transportation safety issues. Please forward concerns to Sandy Douglass

March 9th on Health Care Finance

Quality of Care Program Status

- 1.) The My InnerView with Delmarva facilities were to have their data inputted as of February 16th.
- 2.) On Time – There was a meeting with Camille Williams; a financial application form is being developed.

- 3.) DC Emergency Preparedness Committee Meetings will be the second Wednesday of every month at 1:00pm starting in March. The initial meeting will be held at Carroll Manor, the location of subsequent meetings has not been determined.

AHCA/ NCL

Independent Owners and Not for Profits Conference is being held on March 19th and 20th in Ft Lauderdale, FL. Members can register for the meeting on the AHCA website

Work Group Reports

- 1.) Convention – Steve reported things are moving along. Eight booths have been sold and two sponsors have committed. There will be an expectation of 15% participation from each facility this year. The date will be June 5th at the University of Maryland Conference Center.
- 2.) Moving Quality Forward – Please See Attached Report.
- 3.) Financial Health – The focus of the committee has been to work with Medicaid on the issues of rates and rebasing. On a positive note for the finances of DCHCA, following a visit to Ms. Sandra Durham, the Administrator of Grant Park by Steve Nash and Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe, Grant Park has agreed to pay back dues owed from 2007 and to rejoin for 2009.
- 4.) Legislative – See Above
- 5.) Disaster Preparedness – See Above
- 6.) Assisted Living – Lydia Williams will be scheduled to meet and discuss the 6-108 form.

VII. Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Ms. Susan Hargreaves

NOTE: Please See the Attached Documents: DCHCA Education Committee Report and Employee Free Choice Act March 12th