

**District of Columbia Health Care Association
DCHCA**

**Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2011**

I. Call to order

Sandy Douglass called to order the Board meeting of the DCHCA at 10:00 on February 15, 2011.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Steve Nash, Scott Taylor, Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe, Gail Jernigan, Sandy Douglass, Rosalind Wright, Sue Hargreaves, Bob Spencer, Janine Finck-Boyle.

III Approval of minutes from last meeting

After a brief review, Gail Jernigan made a motion to approve the December minutes. Janine Finck-Boyle seconded the motion.

IV. Financials Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe reported the following: one Associate dues payment was received, the \$4,400 check for the DCHCA website was cashed and seminar income was received. Association dues from four facilities has just been received but not yet deposited. After a review of the December financial statements, Gail Jernigan motioned to approve the January financials. Steve Nash seconded the motion. A fraudulent check cleared against the DCHCA account. This was reported to the Bank. The bank recommended that the DCHCA use a positive pay service to avoid this problem in the future. Gail Jernigan motioned to approve this expenditure and Janine Finck-Boyle seconded the motion.

V. Regulatory/Legislative

A. DHCF Issues There has been no change. DCHCA needs to schedule a meeting with the new DHCF Director, Wayne Turnage. Further action on the Medicare co-insurance issue needs to be decided upon. A Medicaid stakeholders meeting is being held on 2/15. Oversight hearings are taking place in March.

B. Rulemaking Health Care Facilities Improvement Act The rulemaking has not been finalized. DCHCA will contact DR. Woldu regarding the status.

C. DC Government Transitions Dr. Clarence Brown is gone from the Office on Aging. Donna Dunston is the interim acting agency Director.

D. Survey Issues

1. **QIS** Three facilities have volunteered to be surveyed. There are 4 surveyors on the team.
2. **Employee Names We need to press Sharon Lewis for the employee names associated with survey deficiencies.**

E. Catania Constituent Fund Councilman Catania is soliciting funds for his constituent fund. This fund is used by the Councilman for discretionary spending to help needy residents. Steve Nash motioned to donate \$500.00 from the DCHCA and Janine Finck-Boyle seconded the motion.

VI. DCPCA The District of Columbia Primary Care Association (DCPCA) wants to offer their quality improvement services to District nursing homes.

VII. Quality of Care Initiatives

A. On-time A discussion of a 3/30 meeting to discuss the on-time project was held. It was decided that it may not be a good idea to present individual facility case studies at this time.

B. My Innerview The surveys are ongoing. Facilities should continue to submit data.

C. Advancing Excellence DCHCA has been approached by the National Advancing Excellence group as well as Delmarva about starting a Local Area Network for Excellence (LANE)

VIII. Long Term Care Administrators Week This occurs the week of March 14, 2011.

IX Web Site Update The DCHCA web site will be updated by March 15, 2011.

X Verandas – DCHCA / MD Veronica Damesyn announced that she will continue working for the Maryland association on a very limited basis.

XI Work Group Reports

A. Convention The convention committee has chosen the Arena Stage for the 2011 DCHCA convention which will be held on June 23, 2011. There will be a gourmet box lunch and the 500 seat Kroeger theater will be the primary spot for the group presentation. Several vendors were concerned about having to be totally vacated from the floor by 5:00 pm. Mark Parkinson, AHCA President will be invited to be the key note speaker for our convention.

B. Moving Quality Forward

1. Ombudsman Meeting There was a meeting with the Ombudsman on February 10, 2011. Gail Jernigan recommended that each facility write a letter to the Ombudsman naming their facility designee. This will prevent them from naming the first person they come into contact with.

2. Suggestions for Programs The floor was open for members to suggest new programs.

C. Financial Health See financial report above

D. Legislative Strategic DCHCA will write a letter to the Board of Nursing Home Administrators regarding the educational requirements in the Health Care Facilities Improvement Act of 2010.

E. Disaster Preparedness Regulations on resident room temperatures was discussed. This is an old regulation but still pertinent given the recent power outages experienced by several facilities. Resident areas should be maintained between 71 and 81 degrees.

F. Assisted Living Nothing to report.

XII AHCA PAC Steve Nash reported that we have lost our window of timing to reschedule the meeting with Kwame Brown. He is just too busy now. The DCHCA needs all members to participate in PAC activities.

XIII Other

1. The Nursing Home Administrators board seeks up to 18 volunteers to participate in item writing for licensing exams. This group will meet the second Tuesday in March.

2. The AHCA convention will be held in Las Vegas this year.

The next monthly DCHCA meeting will be on March 15, 2011, at Carol Manor.

Minutes submitted by Scott Taylor