

**District of Columbia Health Care Association  
DCHCA**

**Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2011**

**I. Call to order**

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

**II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe, Gail Jernigan, Sandy Douglass, Rosalind Wright, Sue Hargreaves, Bob Spencer, Janine Finck-Boyle, Larry Kelly, Gary Sudholter and Scott Taylor

**III Approval of minutes from last meeting**

After a brief review and a small correction, Sue Hargreaves made a motion to approve the February minutes. Gail Jernigan seconded the motion.

**IV. Financials** Association dues have been received from eleven facilities and eight facilities have not paid yet. The association has to pay AHCA by March 31. A \$5,000 payment from Delmarva was received. A payment of \$6,200 must be made for the website development. Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe recommended that \$30,000 be moved from checking to the money market account. After a review of the February financial statements, Janine Finck-Boyle motioned to approve the February financials and the transfer of money to the money market. Sandy Douglass seconded the motion. The positive pay system has been put in to place by the bank to prevent fraudulent activity.

**V. Regulatory/Legislative**

**A. DHCF Issues** Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe and Sandy Douglass met with the new DHCF Director, Wayne Turnage. He was interested in settling the 2007 rebasing. DHCF will allow therapy costs but will hold firm on the nursing administration reclassification. DCHCA will ask for the offer in writing and work with Lois Ehle to formulate our strategy. Mayor Gray is having a meeting with the healthcare facilities in the District.

**B. Rulemaking Health Care Facilities Improvement Act** Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe testified at the DHCF hearing in DC Council. Concerns with the Health Care Facilities Improvement Act, rebasing, cost of living, co-insurance and the Quality of Care Funds were part of the testimony. Councilmember Catania admitted that there was no funding for the increased staffing and he left the door open for a possible compromise. The final rule making for the Health Care Facilities Improvement Act is still not published.

### **C. Survey Issues**

1. **Survey Reports are Late** Facilities are receiving their survey findings so late that there is barely any time to write a response. This also causes problems with CMS and dates of compliance.
2. **QIS** Three facilities have volunteered to be surveyed. There are 4 surveyors on the team. The DCHCA will continue to monitor this process.
3. **Employee Names** Research shows that in at least four other states, the names of employees are disclosed. We will continue to press Sharon Lewis for the employee names associated with survey deficiencies.

**D. Alexander Constituent Fund** Councilman Alexander is soliciting funds for his constituent fund. This fund is used by the Councilman for discretionary spending to help needy residents. Sandy Douglass motioned to donate \$500.00 from the DCHCA and Gail Jernigan seconded the motion.

## **VI. Quality of Care Initiatives**

**A. On-time** A meeting will be held on 3/30 at the Washington Center to discuss the on-time project progress. This will be an internal meeting with only DCHCA members and AHRQ present. A future meeting to include District personnel will be proposed for sometime in June.

**B. My Innerview** Data sharing agreements should be signed and sent back as soon as possible. They are overdue at this time.

**C. Advancing Excellence** The board and the members of the DCHCA is in favor of working with this program again. There is a conference call on March 24, 2011 at 2:00 pm. It was recommended that facilities participate in the program and that DCHCA become a co-convenor of a local area of network excellence. (LANE)

**VII Web Site Update** Because the URL registration is difficult to update, the web design company will host some of the pages of the DCHCA web site. It was re-iterated that the facilities must keep their empty bed count updated real-time on the web site.

## **VIII Work Group Reports**

**A. Convention** The convention will be held on June 23, 2011. The convention committee has contracted with the Arena Stage for the 2011 DCHCA convention at a cost of \$19,200 plus audio visual fees. The catering will include gourmet box lunches and break time snacks at a cost of \$15,050 plus tax. The 500 seat Kreeger theater will be the primary spot for the group presentation and AHCA President, Mark Parkinson has been confirmed to speak. Because of scheduled events before and after our convention, vendors must set-up in the morning and be completely out of the convention hall by 5:30 pm. The cost of providing power to the vendor booths has not been disclosed yet by the venue. After a discussion, the board decided not to host a silent auction this year due to space constraints.

1. Scholarships The Gilder / Gray scholarships will be awarded again this year at the convention.

**B. Moving Quality Forward** Gail Jernigan announced that the three seminars put on by the committee have netted the DCHCA between \$15,000 - \$20,000.

**1. NIMS Training** There will be NIMS training on March 24, 2011. CEUs have been secured.

**C. Financial Health** See financial report above

**D. Legislative Strategic** See legislative / strategic report above.

**E. Disaster Preparedness** There will be a city-wide evacuation drill on April 26, 2011. More facilities are needed for participation. Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe reminded members that each facility that participates could potentially receive between \$1,500 and \$2,000 from the disaster preparedness funds.

**F. Assisted Living** Nothing to report.

**IX Future Leaders** The AHCA has a program titled "Future Leaders" that they are seeking people to enroll in. Candidates selected must be able to dedicate time to attend the meetings.

**X DCHCA PAC** Members that have donations can send them to Veronica.

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The next monthly DCHCA meeting will be on April 19, 2011, at Phillips Flagship Restaurant.

Minutes submitted by Scott Taylor