

**District of Columbia Health Care Association
DCHCA
Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2011**

I. Call to order

Sandy Douglass called to order Board meeting of the DCHCA at 10:00am on August 2, 2011.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe, Gail Jernigan, Sandy Douglass, Keysha Dale, Larry Kelly, Janine Finck-Boyle, Remi Johnson, Sue Hargreaves, Bob Spencer and Mary Savoy.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

After a brief review, Gail Jernigan made a motion to approve the May minutes. Sue Hargreaves seconded the motion.

IV. Financials

Janine Finck-Boyle discussed the June financial statements. There is currently \$151,587 in total cash. (See report)

A. **Dues** Questions raised regarding those facilities still needing to pay Association dues; all paid with the exception of UMC.

V. Regulatory/Legislative

A. **DHCF Issues** Several members commented that they were having problems with IMA Sandy Douglass suggested that a letter be written to Mr. Craig Campbell's Supervisor requesting a meeting with the leadership of DC Department of Human Services. **EPD Waiver** Sue Hargreaves shared that she is experiencing problems with facility having to pick-up cost. **Alzheimer's Association** Sandy Douglass stated that the Association is looking for input from LTC providers to assist with legislation development log on to www.alz.org/nca for more information.

B. **Rulemaking Health Care Facilities Improvement Act** Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe shared that the Final ruling has not been published. Dr. Mohammad N. Akhter from the Department of Health will be invited to the September DCHCA meeting.

C. **Survey/Survey Issues** No concerns to report.

VI. Quality of Care Initiatives

A. **On-time** Both Sandy and Siobhan are continuing to work with facilities on the implementation of program phases. Sandy and Siobhan trained

the Delmarva team on this initiative. Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe suggested that the Director of Nursing Committee continue on with the On-time Initiative; Sue Hargreaves agreed with this suggestion. The Director of Nursing Committee will hold it's first meeting in September at the Unique Residential Care Facility.

B. My Innerview Board discussed the continuation of support from DCoA; Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe shared that DCoA gives 20K towards education. Sandy Douglass raised the question if other members thought if survey was advantageous to facilities or if we could explore options on the type of questions that are asked in the survey. Board agreed that there was a need to continue however would like to revamp questions. Gail Jernigan gave the suggestion that a letter be mailed out from Administrators prior to circulating to families. Lastly, Board agreed to continue with (3) year contract with My Innerview.

C. Advancing Excellence Nothing to report this month.

VII. Website Update

DCHCA meeting minutes will be added to the website in the Members Only section.

VIII. Work Group Reports

A. Convention Updates Most of Associations revenue for June was from Convention 2011 still awaiting 5K from Delmarva; catering expenses totaled approximately 25K. A total of (7) scholarships were awarded at Convention, executive decision was made to give volunteer group plaques from Association. Sandy Douglass, Association President gave kudos to both Janine Finck-Boyle, Convention Chair and Gail Jernigan, Convention Co-Chairs on an outstanding job with a successful 2011 Convention. All meeting attendees expressed such gratitude to both on a job well done! Members also shared that there was such positive feedback from the entire LTC profession on the convention seminars and venue selection.

B. Moving Quality Forward Gail Jernigan pursuing CEUs (3)hrs. for upcoming seminar provided by Ombudsman on 8/3/11 from 9-12noon being held at AARP. All members were also encouraged to send their Social Workers, DONs and Department Heads. *Elder Justice* educational session on 8/17/11 at WCAS, *MDS 3.0* update at Carroll Manor presenter Ms. Jan Stewart and On-time seminar being held at the end of September date TBA.

C. Financial Health Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe was apart of a conference call with CMS & AHCA on Friday, July 29, 2011; CMS final rule was to

cut 11.1 million in Medicare rates; an email was forwarded to all DCHCA members.

D. Legislative Strategic Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe, Remy Johnson and DCHCA President Sandy Douglass met with Congresswomen Eleanor Holmes-Norton. Veronica attended an event with Ward 7 Councilmember Ms. Yvette Alexander and Sandy Douglass also attended a birthday party for Ward 4 Councilmember Ms. Muriel Bowser.

E. Disaster Preparedness Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe shared that she had received the last check from Medstar Health and mailed out checks to members for their participation.

F. Assisted Living Nothing to report.

G. Pharmacy Updates Larry presented data to Board from Remedi Pharmacy (see attachment).

H. Preferred Providers Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe encouraged all board members to work with these vendors; revenue share is giving back to Association. Gail Jernigan thanked all members who assisted her in exploring vendor machine options; she announced that she is looking to bring on Monumental Vending Company; which has similar pricing of Canteen.

I. Board Presentations Mr. Daniel N. Giannini from Clinical Outcomes Management Solutions (COMS) presented to Board and provided each facility with a flash drive to view software. Representative shared that the initial fee for implementation and training is 8K and monthly fee \$1700.00 to 2K.

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***SEPTEMBER MEETING WAS BEEN CHANGED TO SEPTEMBER 13, 2011;
DUE TO ANNUAL AHCA CONVENTION.**