

# **District of Columbia Health Care Association DCHCA**

## **Meeting Minutes March 20, 2012**

### **I. Call to order**

Sandy Douglass called the DCHCA Board meeting to order at 10:00 on March 20, 2012.

### **II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Sue Hargreaves, Gail Jernigan, Sandy Douglass, Janine Finck-Boyle, Tim Cox, Solanges Vivens, Rosalind Wright, Larry Kelly, Rhee Gilliam, Steve Nash, Tina Sandri, Ava Shriver, Elise Miller, Remy Johnson, Mary Savoy, Calanthia Green, Len Johnson and Veronica Damesyn Sharpe.

### **III Approval of minutes from last meeting**

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

**IV. Financials** – Janine Finck-Boyle discussed the February financial statements. Dues are coming in slowly as only 10 of 19 facilities have paid their dues. ACHA dues are due on March 30, 2012. The DCHCA bylaws allow a 90 day grace period after March 31 for facilities to pay their dues. \$8,500 of associate business dues have been received. Convention deposit was made to Catholic University. DC Chamber dues for 2012 were paid. Legal fees of \$2,865 from 2011 were also paid. The DCHCA maintains a healthy balance sheet with total cash of \$244,467. A motion to approve the financials was made by Solanges Vivens and was seconded by Tim Cox.

### **V. Regulatory/Legislative**

#### **A. DHCF Issues**

- 1) Audit and 2007 Rebasing – Lois is still working with five facilities that have not resolved their appeals. Hadley's rebasing audit was not completed. DHCF rebasing consultant has not contracted.
- 2) OIG Audits – Nothing new on these audits.
- 3) ADA Lawsuit – The District lost their request for summary judgement in the lawsuit. The advocates have been adamant that any settlement would need to stipulate the transfer of 1,050 residents into the community from nursing homes. A discussion regarding the Money Follows the Person program followed.
- 4) DHCF Oversight hearing 3/1/12 – This was cancelled and will not be re-scheduled.
- 5) CMS exclusion list – By federal law, providers are supposed to check the exclusion list before hiring employees and contractors.
- 6) DHCF Behavioral health meeting – This meeting will be held April 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss this population. All facilities are encouraged to attend.

## **B. Rulemaking Health Care Facilities Improvement Act**

- 1) Health Care Facilities Improvement Act Roundtable Discussion – Catania hearing follow-up.
  - a. LPN to RN Program. Catania was to discuss with Karen Skinner.
- 2) Disposal of Unused Pharmaceuticals – Larry Kelley met with the Committee on Health. The Board of Pharmacy said the plan was unworkable and needed re-written.
- 3) Second Proposal Rulemaking – Unlicensed Personnel – This has not been published yet and there is a delay in the fingerprint process for the background checks. There are five pilot facilities that received training on doing background checks. L1 requires a \$2,000 escrow account before facilities can participate in the program.

## **C. Survey & Certification**

- 1) Formula for calculating RN hours – See discussion above under Rule Making. A task force meeting to develop a list of positions is being scheduled. Recommendations will be shared with the group.

## **D. DC Boards- Nursing, Nursing Home administration update**

- 1) LPN Forum – This was held on March 7, 2012. Nursing homes need to make a recommendation to the District. Most employees favored a BSN program as opposed to an associate degree.
- 2) DCHCA recommendations re: Rulemaking – DCHCA is submitted recommendations on how the continuing education requirement should be written.
- 3) Nursing Home Licensing Board – There are two new Administrators In Training. The Licensing board can have the fingerprinting van come to the April DCHCA meeting to help with the Administrator's license renewal process.

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

### **A. My Innerview**

1. There is a data sharing agreement that DHCF was submitted and waiting approval by DHCF. There is still \$123,000 of the original \$2.7 million in funding left.

**B. On Time -** There is a meeting on 3/21 at Carol Manor. DCOA has asked for additional reports to be submitted by April 15th.

**C. Immunization Challenge** - Flu season should be officially over by March 31, 2012.

## **VII Work Group Reports**

**A. Convention** Veronica reported the Convention will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Catholic University. A number of speakers have been identified. There will be break-out sessions this year. Booth sales have started. There will be a cocktail party the night before the convention at no cost. The theme this year is “Innovation in a time of change” and the dress code is casual. There will be door prizes. The video shot at last year's convention is now finished.

### **B. Moving Quality Forward**

- 1) DelMarva is holding a meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup> in Annapolis.
- 2) On March 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be a session on Interact Tools. So far, there are 113 enrollees from 17 facilities. 125 are expected for the four hour session and will qualify for CEUs.

3) A request has been made to Zimmet Healthcare for training on the new MDS 3.0 changes that are going into effect in May. An alternative vendor, Polaris can also provide the MDS 3.0 training.

**C. Financial Health** – The provider tax rates were corrected by DHCF in time for the March payment.

**D. Legislative Strategic:** See above

**E. Disaster Preparedness** - There is a meeting this Thursday, March 22 from 9:00 – 4:00 at Sibley.

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

**G. Bylaws Task Force** - The Bylaws are completed and in the hands of the lawyer for review. These will be distributed to the group for comment in the near future.

**H. PAC** - It is still uncertain whether the DCHCA can administer a PAC with the mix of non-profit and for-profit facilities. The for-profit groups may have to take this on separately to comply with the rules.

**I. Directory** – The process of updating the Directory is underway.

## **VIII AHCA** –

A. National Quality Campaign – This involves gathering each state’s data from MDS data on the use of off-label anti-psychotics compared to national average. The District is below the national average.

B. AHCA Nursing Facility Staffing Survey – This is due back at the end of this week.

C. National Nursing Home and Assisted Living Weeks - These are coming up.

## **IX New Business** –

A. - Yolandra Plummer, MTM was exploring the need for a meeting between our organizations.

B. – The DCHCA 501C.3 has been de-activated from lack of activity.

C. – An audit or review of the DCHCA financial statements was proposed.

D. - A facility reported a regulatory issue. Cafeteria’s that weigh salad will need a restaurant license. This type of license requires a separate fee and will involve four food inspections per year.

E. Yoram Tanay has joined Ingleside full time and will no longer be working at the Methodist Home.

The next meeting is on April 17, 2012 at the Washington Home.

Minutes submitted by Scott Taylor, Board Secretary