

**District of Columbia Health Care Association
DCHCA**

**Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2012**

I. Call to order

Sandy Douglass called to order the Board meeting of the DCHCA at 10:00 on July 17, 2012.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe, Sue Hargreaves, Gail Jernigan, Sandy Douglass, Janine Finck-Boyle, Solanges Vivens, Denise Chadwick-Wright, Keysha Dale, Tina Sandri, Larry Kelly, Rosalind Wright, Ron Cheli, Marvin Rabovsky and Scott Taylor

III Approval of minutes from last meeting

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

IV. Financials – Janine Finck-Boyle discussed the June financial statements. Revenues: convention income is \$62,454. Directory income of \$3,150 has been received to date. All but two facilities have paid their association dues. Associate member dues are \$2,500 below budget for the year. Seminar income of \$15,430 has been received. Through June, total association revenue of \$266,711 has been received. Expenses: ACHA dues of \$52,542 have been paid. \$18,988 of convention expense has been paid along with routine monthly expenses such as executive management and consulting. The DCHCA maintains a healthy balance sheet with total cash of \$345,259.

Sandy Douglass made a motion to approve the financials, Solanges Vivens seconded the motion.

V. Regulatory/Legislative

A. DHCF Issues

- 1) 2007 Rebasing – DHCF plans to finish this process by September 2012. Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe will talk to Lois Ehle to see what the issues are and the magnitude of the dollars.
- 2) Therapy SPA - Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe will send the draft to Lois Ehle to review.
- 3) Timely Filing – DHCF is expanding the timely filing for claims to one year.
- 4) Medicare Attestations – Continuing discussions and meetings with Don Shearer.

B. Rulemaking Health Care Facilities Improvement Act

- 1) Health Care Facilities Improvement Act Roundtable Discussion – Catania hearing follow-up.
 - a. LPN to RN Program. The committee has not met again.
- 2) Health care providers discharge summit – AARP sponsored the meeting. Nursing home attendees did not get much value from the meeting.

- 3) Second Proposal Rulemaking – Unlicensed Personnel – The finger printing pilot continues but results are sometimes up to 30 days if manual interpretation is required. DCHCA will convey our concerns to Dr. Woldu at HLRA.

C. Survey & Certification

- 1) 4.1 hours / RN care – The new regulations went into effect on July 1, 2012. These regulations will be enforced as part of the survey process.
- 2) Timeliness of Survey Reports – A letter was sent to Sharon Lewis. A common complaint is short turn-around times on documents received after hours or on Friday nights. DOH will respond to the letter.
- 3) CMS Quality Measures

D. DC Boards

- 1) Nothing new to report.

VI. Quality of Care Initiatives

A. Meeting with DHCF

1. DHCF is seeking proposals from providers for quality of care projects. The budget for 2013 is \$975,000. The deadline is the end of July but will be extended.

VII Work Group Reports

A. Convention - \$67,144 was earned from the convention. 33 of the 49 booths have been paid for and 15 facilities have paid for their staff to attend.

B. Moving Quality Forward

- 1) The rescheduled July 25, 2012 Seminar will be held is on August 28, 2012 at the Methodist Home. The topic for this 9:00 - 11:00 breakfast meeting will be HIPAA High Tech / EMR.
- 2) A breakfast seminar on Accountable Care will be held on September 29, 2012.
- 3) Gail Jernigan has been spearheading the initiative to make sure facilities are updating their census information on the DCHCA web site. This will help minimize out of state placements.
- 4) There will be another vaccination initiative in 2013.

C. Financial Health – DHCF is holding a meeting on July 19, 2012 on the 1445 form.

D. Legislative Strategic There was a Legislation Day on June 20, 2012.

E. Disaster Preparedness

- 1) Pepco Testimony – DCHCA, AARP and DC residents attended this hearing.
- 2) June 29 Derecho Incident – Several facilities lost power for 1 – 2 days. The District arranged for re-fueling of generators. Residents were transferred between facilities. The Ombudsman program reminded facilities that they need to be informed when residents are transferred.

F. Assisted Living Nothing new to report.

G. Bylaws Task Force – There was a Bylaws meeting on June 19, 2012.

VIII AHCA –

- A. Congressional Briefing – Provider tax maximum percentage may be lowered. AHCA is eliminating the at-large seats on the board.
- B. Anti-psychotics – A push is on to reduce the use of anti-psychotics.
- C. AHCA PAC – DCHCA needs 100% participation from the board.

IX New Business –

- A. Evercare – They want to present to the DCHCA membership. They have offered to host a dinner presentation.