

**District of Columbia Health Care Association
DCHCA**

**Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2012**

I. Call to order

Sandy Douglass called to order the Board meeting of the DCHCA at 10:00 on October 15, 2012.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Sue Hargreaves, Sandy Douglass, Janine Finck-Boyle, Solanges Vivens, Tim Cox, Keysha Dale, Larry Kelly, Rosalind Wright, Sister Celestine, Rhee Gilliam, Tina Sandri, Scott Taylor and Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe,

III Approval of minutes from last meeting

After a brief review and corrections, a motion was made by Sue Hargreaves to approve the September minutes. Janine Finck-Boyle seconded the motion.

IV. Financials – Financials were not prepared due to office construction.

V. Regulatory/Legislative

A. DHCF Issues

- 1) 2007 and 2010 Audits / Rebasing – No further movement on this issue. Lois Ehle, reimbursement consultant to DCHCA, believes the delay in the 2010 rebasing is holding back as much as \$30 million in reimbursement from DC nursing homes.
- 2) Therapy SPA – Once approved, it will be retroactive to May 2012.
- 3) Letter to Director Turnage – A motion was passed to write a letter to DHCF Director, Wayne Turnage outlining our outstanding issues and requesting time lines.

B. Rulemaking Health Care Facilities Improvement Act

- 1) Second Proposed Rulemaking Nursing facility therapy payment methodology – The SPA is still pending approval and CMS has requested additional information from DHCF.
- 2) Second Proposal Rulemaking – Unlicensed Personnel -Not published yet.

C. Survey & Certification

- 1) 4.1 hours / RN care – The Methodist Home has applied for an exception.
- 2) Timeliness of Survey Reports – A letter was sent to Sharon Lewis but no official response has been received.
- 3) Education Session – Wound and skin assessment – There is going to be a four hour training session.

D. DC Boards

1) DC Boards Consolidation – Nursing, Nursing Home Administrators update – A draft letter has been received but we are waiting on the finished product.

VI. Quality of Care Initiatives

1) CMS Anti-psychotics reduction – There will be a call on October 30, 2012 to discuss the CMS target for a 15% reduction by December 31.

VII Work Group Reports

A. Convention - No further news to report.

B. Moving Quality Forward - No report this meeting

C. Financial Health

1) – The DCHCA Director will prepare a first draft of the budget for budget committee review. Janine Finck-Boyle, Sue Hargreaves and Scott Taylor will comprise the committee.

D. Legislative Strategic – With the upcoming elections, members are encouraged to support Council members on their re-election campaigns.

E. Disaster Preparedness

1) Meeting with Pepco – DCHCA is attending a meeting with Pepco on October 18, 2012.
2) Public Service Commission – Testimony has been submitted regarding the recent derecho storms. We want nursing homes to get priority treatment in times of power outages.

F. Assisted Living - Mr. Yates, the surveyor is retiring.

G. Bylaws Task Force – Nothing new to report.

VIII AHCA –

A. AHCA Board Elections – Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe has been elected to the national ASHCAE Executive Committee.

B. Interact Institute – DCHCA would like to have a member participate and then be prepared to do DC facility training.

C. No increase in AHCA dues – There will be no increase in AHCA dues next year.

IX New Business –

A. DCHCA/DCHA Meetings and Workgroups – 4 workgroups have been created.

1) Re-admissions work group is meeting at URCC in November.

2) The behavioral health group is meeting in November.

November Meeting Host – Methodist Home has volunteered to host the November 13th meeting.