

**District of Columbia Health Care Association
DCHCA**

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2009

I. Call to order

Steve Nash, President called to order the Board meeting of the DCHCA at 10 a.m. on January 28th via teleconference.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Steve Nash, Sandy Douglass, Gail Jernigan, Eileen Mulaney, Scott Taylor, Bob Spencer, Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe, Janine Finke-Boyle, Larry Kelly and Susan Hargreaves.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The December 16th meeting minutes were approved.

IV. Financials

December financial statements were presented for review

DCHCA 2009 Budget

The 2009 DCHCA Budget was presented

The loss of membership from Grant Park and Ingleside resulted in lower revenue. Ingleside was invoiced and then they gave notice that they would not be members. Grant Park was not a member in 2008 but owes DCHCA dues for all of 2007. There will be follow up with both Grant Park and Ingleside in an effort to have them join us in the future. Additionally, it was mentioned Ingleside now has a new CEO.

United Medical Center has approval for 20 Beds and is hoping to get 120 in a year.

Gail suggested updating membership books item on the budget. Veronica replied that they still need to find someone to do this and generate the revenue.

Gail suggested, and all members agreed that in light of no increase in dues and the 6.4% rebase, all DCHCA members should pay dues in one payment allowing the association to receive a discount from AHCA. All members received a copy of the DCHCA 2008 Achievements and Highlights as well as the AHCA Return on Investment Power Point

Sandy made a motion to accept the budget and Gail seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

V. Reimbursement Update

Interim rate should start by next week at 6.4%
Interim rates were processed last week and should be included in this weeks payment cycle.

Quality of Care Funds –
Veronica asked for volunteers to form a working group quickly for a meeting with Dr. Brown on Tuesday afternoon to review forms. Gail, Steve, Scott, Bob, Eileen and Veronica volunteered.

Legislative/ Rulemaking

HORA: the Committee in Health will hold a hearing on B18-39 Practice of Nursing Amendment Act of 2009 on February 2nd. The section on the definition of the practice of practical nursing is problematic because the proposed language would prevent LPNs from performing any assessments including a focused assessment. DCHCA will testify and request an amendment to the language to allow for LPNs to continue to participate in the performance of assessments.

Adverse Events: The Committee on Health held an oversight hearing on the status of Adverse Events reporting from all health care providers within the District. DCHCA and its members were questioned about current practices and the opportunity to fine tune the reporting so that adverse events are reported timely and in the appropriate format while not causing them to have to duplicate reporting. DCHCA members will work with Dr. Woldu on this issue.

DC 6-108: Members were notified of the updated 6-108 forms on the DOH website. There were questions about AL and the application of this law in their provider setting. S Douglass will follow up with clarification.

Quality of Care Funds Program Status: Erin Corilla from Delmarva was the guest speaker for the Members Meeting. She asked that all members enter their data into My Innerview no later than February 16th.

A meeting will be held with the Office on Aging regarding the format to submit equipment purchases. Facilities are asked to send vender selections to Veronica.

CMS 5 Star Ratings change – Facilities will be notified by CMS of their updated ratings. The information will be sent to the facility MDS mailbox

Money Follows the Person (MFP) : The goal for MFP is to transition 50 individuals from the Elderly and Physically Disabled population and 50 individuals from the population institutionalized with mental illness back to the community over a two year period. The Operational Protocol that will be submitted by the District will not include language requiring mandatory closure of institutional beds. The language that will be used will be similar to that of the already approved New Hampshire protocol.

AHCA/NCAL: A tool kit for the Employee Free Choice Act is available on the AHCA on website. Members are encourage to review the information and to begin educating their employees about the legislation/

AHCA will hold it's First Quality Symposium on Feb. 5 & 6th in St. Louis, Missouri. Registration information can be found on their website.

Long term care trend tracker is available on AHCA website.

The Not for Profit/ Independent Owners Conference will be held March 19 & 20 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Education Committee

DCHCA members are asked to complete the revised questionnaire regarding educational courses desired. Over the course of the year the Committee plans to offer 35 CEU's

MDS 3.0 is on track.

Jan Stuart with Zimmet will give a training course at the beginning of September. 2.0 is in effect until October 30th. Ms. Stuart does not want to give this training any sooner to prevent confusion

Convention Committee:

Requests for proposals have been distributed and the committee is beginning to receive proposals. Vendor/ Exhibitor flyers have also been sent out.

Assisted Living:

Sandy Douglass and Lisa Harfoot will co-chair this committee

Emergency Preparedness:

Tom Anderson, Carroll Manor has agreed to chair the committee. A recurring monthly meeting date will be sent out to members. Each facility will be asked to send a representative.

Legislative/Strategic:

Rhea Gilliam will be asked to chair this committee.

VI. Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Ms. Susan Hargreaves