

**District of Columbia Health Care Association  
DCHCA**

**Meeting Minutes  
January 17, 2012**

**I. Call to order**

Sue Hargreaves called to order the Board meeting of the DCHCA at 10:00 on January 17, 2012.

**II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Sue Hargreaves, Gail Jernigan, Steve Nash, Solanges Vivens, Tim Cox, Keysha Dale, Sr. Celestine, Daisy, Rosalind Wright, Rhea Gilliam and Veronica Damesyn Sharpe

**III Approval of minutes from last meeting**

After a brief review, a motion was made to approve the December minutes. Solanges Vivens seconded the motion.

**IV. Financials** Veronica Damesyn- Sharpe discussed the December financial statements. \$50,000 was moved to the PNC money market fund. There is \$225,508 in total cash with \$180,449 in the PNC money market fund and 30,302 in the BB&T money market fund. Year to date revenues were \$402,264, expenses are \$393,888 leaving a positive income of \$8,376 through December. Gail Jernigan motioned to approve the December financials. Solanges Vivens seconded the motion. A motion was made and passed to move \$30,000 from the PNC money market to PNC checking.

**V. Regulatory/Legislative**

**A. DHCF Issues**

- 1) Audit and 2007 Rebasing – Lois Ehle is still negotiating with Darren Schaffer on behalf of three facilities that filed appeals. The rebasing cannot be finished until all appeals are dropped. Hadley has not had its rebasing audit this will delay the rebasing as long as June.
- 2) OIG Audits – Several members have been selected by DC OIG to be audited. Keysha Dale reported the experience Deanwood had with the OIG auditor and at this time no facility has received any reports of findings from the audits.
- 3) Provider Tax calculations- Lois Ehle is working with Andrea Clark to determine the correct amount for the Provider tax.

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

- 1) Health Care Facilities Improvement Act Roundtable Discussion-Councilmember Catania has scheduled a roundtable discussion for implementation of the legislation. DCHCA and DOH-HRLA will be the only ones to testify. There was discussion of what to include in testimony. DCHCA needs to stress the LPN role and the loss of LPN positions to meet the RN

requirement. DCHCA must also request that DOH post a formula for calculation of the RN hours to be included. There was also discussion about pushing for a mandate to have all providers use the Universal Transfer form. Motion was made to give every DCHCA member a copy of the form and encourage them to use it in their facility.

- 2) Disposal of Unused Pharmaceuticals – no update
- 3) Second Proposal Rulemaking – Unlicensed Personnel – a second set of proposed rulemaking will be published in the DC Register in the near future.

### **C. Survey & Certification**

Facilities are reporting that survey reports are not being delivered to facilities by HRLA within the specified period of time. Mr. Fykes cited a facility for the orientation of their fire evacuation plan.

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

Steve Nash reported that the Nursing Home Administrators Board had not met.

### **VI Home Health Association**

Sue Hargreaves reported that several members of the DCHCA Board met with the leadership of The Home Health Association and that it was a positive discussion and there are both positives and negatives to the two groups coming together. Discussion will continue. There is some concern however about the clear benefit to DCHCA.

### **VII. Quality of Care Initiatives**

#### **A. On Time**

1. Veronica Sharpe contacted the Office on Aging regarding the status of the MOU and the amount of funds still available and was told that there was only \$57,000 still available. This cannot be correct so further investigation will be needed.

**B. My Innerview** DHCF has agreed to fund the project for 2012 but it will require Delmarva to collect and report facility specific data to DHCF. Samples of a data sharing agreement were distributed. There was discussion about the benefits and risks of participating and sharing facility specific data. A motion was made and passed to recommend that the DCHCA membership participate in the project if DHCF signs the data sharing agreement that limits the use of data to their office and for quality improvement use only.

**C. Immunization Challenge** Gail Jernigan reported the current results of the challenge

### **IX Work Group Reports**

**A. Convention** Keysha Dale reported the progress of the Convention Committee and the possible locations

**B. Moving Quality Forward** Gail Jernigan announced that the seminar with Interact had to be postponed until March.

**C. Financial Health** See financial report above.

**D. Legislative Strategic** Nothing additional to report.

**E. Disaster Preparedness** Nothing to report. The Grant notice has not been received yet

**F. Assisted Living** The Assisted living committee will host a meet and greet for other DC assisted living facilities on January 24<sup>th</sup> at Forest Side.

**G. PAC** No report. The attorney that had agreed to work with Steve Nash and Ward Orem has been unavailable to do the work.

**X Other** – **HR Salary Survey**- there was a question about the possibility of DCHCA conducting a salary survey. DCHCA cannot conduct the survey as it could be viewed as collusion.

The next monthly DCHCA meeting will be on February 21, 2012, at Sibley.

Minutes submitted by Veronica Sharpe, Executive Director