

**District of Columbia Health Care Association  
DCHCA**

**Meeting Minutes  
February 21, 2012**

**I. Call to order**

Sue Hargreaves called to order the Board meeting of the DCHCA at 10:00 on February 21, 2012.

**II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Sue Hargreaves, Gail Jernigan, Sandy Douglass, Yoram Tanay, Leslie \_\_\_\_\_(Deanwood), Pat Mirsky, Tina Sandri, Keysha Dale and Veronica Damesyn Sharpe.

**III Approval of minutes from last meeting**

After a brief review, a motion was made by Gail Jernigan to approve the January minutes. Sue Hargreaves seconded the motion.

**IV. Financials** Veronica Damesyn- Sharpe discussed the January financial statements. No dues were collected in January because they were not due yet. As of February 7, 2012, seven facilities had paid their association dues and \$6,000 of associate member dues has been received. A motion to approve the financials was made by Sue Hargreaves and was seconded by Gail Jernigan.

**V. Regulatory/Legislative**

**A. DHCF Issues**

- 1) Audit and 2007 Rebasing – DHCF has requested that the DCHCA facilities drop their appeals before the therapy issue can be settled. Several facilities have not settled their issues yet.
- 2) OIG Audits – Nothing new on these audits.
- 3) ADA Lawsuit – The lawsuit brought by University Legal Services and AARP will move forward.
- 4) DHCF Oversight hearing – This will be held on March 1, 2012.
- 5) Provider Tax calculations- Andrea Clark is going to give Tax and Revenue the correct amount for the Provider tax for March.

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

- 1) Health Care Facilities Improvement Act Roundtable Discussion – The hearing with Councilmember Catania went well. He was concerned with the loss of LPN jobs and was interested in funding training from the Nursing Home Quality of Care Fund to advance their education to the RN level. A poll was taken and there 156 employees from 10 facilities interested in the training.

- 2) Disposal of Unused Pharmaceuticals – Larry Kelley met with the Committee on Health staff. No changes at this time.
- 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

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

1) Formula for calculating RN hours. DCHCA will put a group of administrators/nurses together to work on a recommendation to DOH.

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

- 1) LPN Forum – This is being held on March 7, 2012.
- 2) DCHCA recommendations re: Rulemaking – DCHCA is going to recommend how the continuing education requirement should work.

### **VI Home Health Association**

1) Executive Director – The Home Health Association has formally rescinded their offer to have Veronica Damesyn-Sharpe as their Executive Director.

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

### **A. My Innerview**

1. There is a data sharing agreement that DHCF is reviewing.

**B. On Time -** DCOA has asked for additional reports to be submitted in April. There is still \$123,000 of the original \$2.7 million in funding left.

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

## **IX Work Group Reports**

**A. Convention** Keysha Dale reported the Convention will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Catholic University. Vendors can set up on the 20<sup>th</sup> and there will be a social event that evening. The theme this year is “Innovation, the driving force of quality”.

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

- 1) ER visit and transfer log - Gail shared a tool used in New Jersey and New Hampshire.
- 2) There will be an Interact 2 program on March 28, 2012, with Dr. Ouslander.
- 3) Sharon Lewis has Civil Monetary Penalties funds available to use for Nursing Assessment Training.

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

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

**E. Disaster Preparedness** - There is funding this year for disaster preparedness. There is a total of \$57,500, of which, the DCHCA can earn up to \$36,000 this year. MOU agreements are being signed. There is going to be a city-wide exercise in May.

**F. Assisted Living** The open house held on January 24, 2012, at Forrest Side was not widely attended. We need to continue strategizing on how best to coordinate this disparate group of providers.

**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 Tuesday, March 20 at Unique Residential Care Center.

Minutes submitted by Scott Taylor.