

**District of Columbia Health Care Association
DCHCA**

**Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2012**

I. Call to order

Sandy Douglass called to order the Board meeting of the DCHCA at 10:00 on September 18, 2012.

II. Roll call

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

III Approval of minutes from last meeting

After a brief review, a motion was made by Solanges Vivens to approve the May minutes. Janine Finck-Boyle seconded the motion.

IV. Financials – Janine Finck-Boyle discussed the August financial statements. Revenues: convention income is \$73,849 with \$13,700 still outstanding. 9 facilities still owe for the convention. Directory income of \$3,150 has been received to date. All facilities have paid their association dues. Associate member dues are \$2,500 below budget for the year. Seminar income of \$15,510 has been received. Through August, total association revenue of \$285,960 has been received. Expenses: ACHA dues of \$52,542 have been paid. \$42,377 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 \$256,691.

Gail Jernigan made a motion to approve the financials, Solanges Vivens seconded the motion.

V. Regulatory/Legislative

A. DHCF Issues

- 1) 2007 and 2010 Rebasing – No further movement on this issue.
- 2) Therapy SPA – Once approved, it will be retroactive to May 2012.

B. Rulemaking Health Care Facilities Improvement Act

- 1) Second Proposed Rulemaking Nursing facility therapy payment methodology – This is not finalized and will still allow therapy cost for Medicaid residents.
- 2) Second Proposal Rulemaking Unlicensed personnel background checks– 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. She was upset about the letter as expected but she understood our concern. She will respond to the letter.
- 3) CMS Quality Measures – AHCA is studying the measures to make sure we can live with them.

D. DC Boards

- 1) Nursing Home Administrators Board – The board’s lawyer had questions regarding the nursing home administrator CEU requirements.

VI. Quality of Care Initiatives

- 1) CMS Anti-psychotics reduction – CMS is targeting a 15% reduction by the end of 2012. Delmarva has a working group that is involved in this project and DCHCA members can participate.

VII Work Group Reports

A. Convention - \$91,390 of revenue was generated by the convention.

B. Moving Quality Forward

- 1) Ergo Rehab is holding a seminar at WNF regarding the Medicare Part B therapy caps.
- 2) A new, innovative nurse scheduling software package “On Shift” is being used at WNF. Gail Jernigan will ask On Shift to do a brief presentation to membership,
- 3) Today’s speaker at lunch will be Carrie Nixon presenting on ACOs.

C. Financial Health

- 1) – The DCHCA Director will prepare a first draft of the budget for committee review.

D. Legislative Strategic – With the upcoming elections, we want to discuss with consultant, David Julyan, the strategy DCHCA should be taking.

E. Disaster Preparedness

- 1) Meeting with Pepco – DCHCA is trying to schedule a meeting with Pepco
- 2) Derecho AAR – A critique of what went well and what didn’t is being prepared. Suggestions for creating a web site to track which facilities had power, phones, water, etc. was put forth.
- 3) A disaster preparedness meeting will be held Wednesday, September 19 at WNF.
- 4) The DC Emergency Healthcare Coalition is hosting a forum where evacuation equipment will be available for viewing and ordering. The money to pay for the equipment comes from a DOH grant.

F. Assisted Living Nothing new to report.

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

VIII AHCA –

A. Boehner Event – The Director and a member Administrator attended this function at AHCA

- B. Care Conversations – Members are encouraged to view this web site and to post Care Conversations on their own website
- C. AHCA PAC Dinner – DCHCA will purchase three PAC tickets for the PAC Event being held at the AHCA Convention

D. Interact Institute – This is an AHCA program to reduce re-admissions. Facilities must apply to participate. It is strongly suggested that DCHCA send a representative that can work with our membership.

IX New Business –

- A. DCHCA/DCHA met to work on improving the discharge planning process. At the meeting four workgroups were formed. The groups will focus on, readmissions, process and document standardization, behavioral health and community education.
- B. PBS Request – They are doing a compare and contract study on Medicare and Medicaid under Obama vs. Romney. A DCHCA member facility has been asked to work with PBS with the assistance of AHCA.
- C. D&O Insurance – DCHCA Board approved a change in carriers to take advantage of the lower rate being offered for coverage.
- D. November Meeting Host – Methodist Home has volunteered to host the November 13th meeting.