

North Dakota Association of Home Care
Comfort Inn, Bismarck, ND
General Membership Meeting
April 14, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President JoAnn Ferrie welcomed everyone. The morning presentations included "Evidence-Based Research: Wet to Dry Dressings in the Home Care Setting: Standards of Practice", "The Braden Scale: Risk Factors", and "Pressure Ulcers: Staging, Prevention & Treatment" all presented by Raneé Madison, RN, BAN, St. Alexius Home Care and Hospice. The ND Department of Health presented OASIS Update/Q&A. JoAnn Ferrie called the business meeting to order at 11:10 AM. Thanks to vendors Heather Gniffke from Minnesota Rural Health Cooperative and Thomas Freeman from Central Medical Incorporated. See attached sheet for roll call.

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Under New Business will add MedPac.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes from General Membership on September 30, 2009 was made by Liz Johnson and seconded by Vicki Pederson. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE REPORTS:

Vicki reported that the fall aide workshop in October 2009 was pretty well attended but numbers were very last minute and it is a lot of work. She will plan another aide workshop in the fall and encourages agencies to send staff. Janine Haugen was not present for a report.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Erica Cermak reported:

- See Financial Report for the Month Ended March 2010.
- Membership at \$12,328.21 with 17 home care agencies and 5 associate members. 3 home care agencies have not renewed and 2 associate members have not renewed which would bring in an additional \$2,300.00 in revenue to meet that budget item.
- Registration for spring workshop is low but revenue projected at \$1,865.00 and not much for expenses. This is offset by the fact that the 2009 fall meeting expenses were paid in 2010 which was not in the 2010 budget.

Tammy Theurer made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Tanya Skarr seconded. Motion carried.

APT UPDATE:

Erica will report under Legislative.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

A. BC/BS Advisory Council

Jo Burdick not present and no problems reported. This group will be put on hold until problems arise.

B. Cahaba GBA Home Health Advisory Group

Trina not present for report.

C. Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee

Tammy Theurer reported:

- Met October 2009 with good attendance and is a well diversified group with providers and legislatures.
- Some projects include Community of Care in rural Cass County and Minot State University obtained a grant on a Medical Home concept in ND for high need kids.
- MICs information/education reviewed.
- Dental access efforts discussed by the Dental Association.
- H1N1 education provided.
- PACE update given.

D. Money Follows the Person

Tammy Theurer reported.

- Grant researching LTC and DD feasibility to move out into community from institutionalized care.
- Barriers include affordable housing and caregivers, thus, targets are well below what was projected. Another barrier is the need for LTC placement 6 months or longer.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. CNA/UAP Workshop

Marcia is working with this committee. There are two registries. One with the State Health Department for Certified Nursing Assistances for hospital and nursing homes and one with the Board of Nursing for Unlicensed Assistive Persons for Home Health. There is legislation about examining one registry, who will oversee it and the need for two tiers. See attached "Unlicensed Assistive Person and Certified Nurse Aide in North Dakota Comparison". Marcia will represent us on this group with consensus from the present HH agencies that there needs to be two tiers and if one registry is decided on it should be overseen by the Board of Nursing due to the fact that problems are reported to the nurse and the fact that some aides are medication certified and supervised by nurses.

B. Survey Watch

- Trinity Home Care in Minot and Prairieland in Fargo had surveys. Both reported that the surveyor was in the bathroom during the bath and this was an issue with the client and/ or the family.
- ND Department of Health had presented information on deficiencies earlier in the morning and answered questions.

C. Legislative

Options to look at include reimbursement for QSPs with another pass through wage increase and possible rebasing Medicaid since it hasn't been looked at for many years. Erica will compile rate information for Medicaid reimbursement throughout the state. With the new health care legislation, urban providers will receive \$422.63 more per episode and rural providers will receive \$505.63 per episode plus the 3% rural add on. Telemonitoring reimbursement is another area that should continue to be sought. Tanya will look into rates from Veteran Administration.

D. MedPac Request

SD physician representing MedPac contacted NDAHC requesting reimbursement information in our state regarding Medicare home health payments and the current situation in ND. It was discussed that we need to know what the purpose for the gathering of this information is. Erica will contact him and verify who he is and request specific questions that will then be presented to the members of NDAHC.

E. Fall Meeting

- Meeting planned for September 28 and 29, 2010 at Comfort Inn, Bismarck.
- Volunteer requested to take on the fall raffle. No one volunteered.
- Tanya discussed an alternate fund raising option which would be a Monday Night Football board raffle. We would need to sell 100 books at \$25 a piece. The net revenue would be \$1,250.00 with the option to do it again for the Super Bowl which would net another \$1,250.00. Tammy Theurer made a motion to try the football raffle at \$25 per book and sell 100 books. Vicki seconded. Motion carried. This fundraiser will take the place of the fall raffle for 2010.
- Elections in the fall will be for President-Elect and Director-at-Large and nominees will be sought. Members were asked to volunteer to Erica or Tammy otherwise Tammy will seek nominees per the nominating committee.
- Ideas for the fall meeting included coding, OASIS-C and offering continuing education

ADJOURNMENT:

Next meeting set for Governing Council September 28, 2010 and General Membership September 29, 2010 at Comfort Inn, Bismarck. Tammy made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Tanya. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.