



MINUTES OF MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
February 8, 2012
HCANJ Executive Offices, Hamilton, NJ

The meeting was convened at 1:15 p.m.

The minutes of the January 11, 2012 meeting were approved and the Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the resignations of

Chestnut Hill Convalescent Center, Passaic, NJ

Chestnut Hill Residence, Passaic, NJ

Imperial Healthcare, Neptune, NJ

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Associate Membership applications of:

Nelson & Ward Company, Springfield, NJ – Richard Gilman, Vice President – Insurance Agency

The Mercadien Group, Princeton, NJ – Andrea Kelliher, Marketing Manager – Financial Services

Members were urged to make phone calls to the Congressional Delegation urging them to oppose any reduction of bad debt reimbursement by Medicare.

Staff reported on recent regulatory and legislative activity including:

214th LEGISLATIVE SESSION FINAL ACTION – NOT ENACTED:

A3920 - Sponsors: Conaway (D7); Conners (D7); Ramos (D33) Summary: Requires health care facilities to offer influenza vaccination to their health care workers. 01/17/2012—Pocket vetoed by the Governor (he took no action within the required time frame). Position: Oppose *Notes: Amended to provide that non-compliance shall not constitute a licensure violation or deficiency, but subsequently amended to require reporting of facility immunization rates to DHSS. Governor statement when not signing explained concern about burden upon facilities and DHSS, especially reporting requirement.*

215th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - ACTIVITY:

A2172 - Sponsors: Conaway (D7); Singleton (D7) Summary: Requires health care facilities to offer influenza vaccination to their health care workers. of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly. Position: Oppose *Notes: Bill includes last session amendment to provide that non-compliance shall not constitute a licensure violation or deficiency, but also subsequent amended to require reporting of facility immunization rates to DHSS.*

LEGISLATION SCHEDULED:

S197 - Sponsors: Connors, C (R9) Summary: Increases personal needs allowance to \$50 for those persons currently residing in nursing facilities, State hospitals or State developmental centers. Position: Support *Note: This bill was first introduced in 1988.*

Staff updated the membership in attendance regarding the Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver. The Waiver for skilled nursing facilities and assisted living residences has been put off until at least January 13, 2013. The question now is "Who will set the rates on July 1st?" Amerigroup may be dropping their adult medical day care reimbursement by \$5.

Approval for the Advanced Standing program for assisted living was received from DHSS on January 13. The Peer Review Panel will meet on February 9.

The November 7, 2011 letter from the Ombudsman outlining the criteria and procedure for involuntary discharge is not being followed correctly. Members are advised to read the letter thoroughly.

Several other reports were given and topics discussed, however, no further formal action was taken. There being no further business before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL R. LANGEVIN, JR.
President