



MINUTES OF MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
April 18, 2012
HCANJ Executive Offices, Hamilton, NJ

The meeting was convened at 1:12 p.m.

The minutes of the March 14, 2012 meeting were approved and the Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

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

AristaCare of Cherry Hill, Cherry Hill, NJ – Mark Berkowitz, Administrator – 120 NF, 20 R

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

Burris Construction Company, Moorestown, NJ – William Burris, CEO – Construction

Staff continues to meet with legislators. Some have remarked that they have not been hearing from our members. Members were urged to contact their legislators and urge them to restore funding back to at least the SFY 2009 level.

Staff reported on legislative activity including:

A2860 - Sponsor: McKeon (D27) Summary: Requires assisted living residences to have standby emergency power generators. 03/15/2012—Proposed for introduction. Position: Seek Amendments *Notes: Member Comments: 1) Amend requirement to have generator in place 90 days after enactment to six months. 2) Amend to allow ALs to contract with a firm to make generator available if needed. 3) Cost factor, depends on size of facility. You can estimate the cost on an average 100 bed AL to be approx. \$250k.*

S3 - Sponsors: Sweeney (D3); Vitale (D19); Codey (D27) Summary: Increases minimum wage to \$8.50, then makes annual adjustments based on CPI increases. Position: Monitor

A2751 - Sponsor: Schaer (D36) Summary: "Healthcare Disclosure and Transparency Act." 03/15/2012—Proposed for introduction. Note: Review

S1796 - Sponsor: Turner (D15) Summary: Establishes "Naturally Occurring Retirement Community" pilot program; appropriates \$250,000. 03/15/2012—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. Position: Monitor *Notes: Possibly support in future.*

Members were urged to use the HCANJ CapWiz system and send letters to the Governor, Commissioner of Human Services and their legislators. Staff and families should be encouraged to do so as well.

A Comprehensive Waiver Steering Committee has been appointed to guide the transition process and from that group formed four workgroups, Provider Transition, Quality and Monitoring, Assessment to Appeals, and Assuring Access, to help insure a successful transition. HCANJ is represented in these groups which have been meeting weekly in order to make recommendations to the Steering Committee by sometime early in May. We still have not received formal approval of its Section 1115 Waiver (the Comprehensive Waiver).

Assisted living: Regulations sunset in 2014. Review of current regs should begin in the summer. The Disclosure form has been tested in certain facilities with comments forwarded to DHSS. This year's DHSS Assisted Living Best Practice Program is Quality Assurance. The assisted living Advanced Standing application is available. There is a firm deadline of May 18.

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