



## MINUTES OF MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

March 13, 2013

HCANJ Executive Offices, Hamilton, NJ

The meeting was convened at 1:05 p.m.

The minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting were approved and the Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Provisional Membership application of:

The Bristol at Woodcliff Lake, Woodcliff Lake, NJ – Steven Krieger, Officer – 145 AL under construction

The February 20<sup>th</sup> Board Retreat was very successful and yielded many suggestions for enhancing services for members. A slide presentation was provided to the members in attendance delineating the specifics that were discussed.

The Governor proposed his 2014 Budget on February 26. His address was preceded by a conference call with DHS Commissioner Velez who advised that the State would not be moving into Managed Long Term Care as soon as originally thought. SNF rates will remain flat until then. Staff testified before Legislative Budget Committees expressing HCANJ's concern that flat rates are not going to be sufficient. This will present a distinct disadvantage when negotiating with managed care companies. SCNFs rates will remain flat for four years. An increase for them is being lobbied. A Reimbursement Committee meeting to discuss the State budget will be scheduled.

Staff reported on recent regulatory and legislative activity including:

### Legislative Activity

SCR1 Scs (SCS) - Sponsors: Sweeney (D3); Turner (D15); Oliver (D34); Eustace (D38); Spencer (D29)

Summary: Amends Constitution to set minimum wage at \$8.25 per hour with annual adjustments for inflation. 02/15/2013 — Filed with Secretary of State. Position: Monitor

### Legislation Introduced

A3885 - Sponsor: Burzichelli (D3) Summary: Requires wholesalers, terminal facilities, motor fuel retail dealers, grocery stores, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and residential rehabilitation facilities to install appropriate wiring for use of generator during power outage. Position: Monitor

S2615 - Sponsor: Turner (D15) Summary: Establishes prescription drug donation repository program. Position: Support

Members were reminded that all facilities must be fully sprinklered by August 13, 2013.

Staff passed on warnings from the CDC regarding the Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE), which has the potential to kill up to half of patients who get bloodstream infections from them. CRE bacteria can transfer their resistance to other bacteria within their family. Most cases have been transmitted through catheterization. A toolkit is available on the HCANJ website – Hot News.

All facilities must have a Universal Transfer Form (UTF) policy and procedure; it will be looked for at survey.

New MLTSS workgroup meetings will begin the week of March 18. As soon as information is available, it will be rolled out to the membership.

DRA audits have started again to ensure education is taking place on Medicaid and Medicare fraud. Ethics training must take place by March 23, 2012.

2013 Assisted Living Advanced Standing program began today. 73 applications were received with 16 new buildings in the program this year.

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 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL R. LANGEVIN, JR.  
President