



MINUTES OF MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

June 12, 2013

HCANJ Executive Offices, Hamilton, NJ

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

The minutes of the May 8, 2013 meeting were approved and the Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Associate Member applications of:

Advanced Tissue, Little Rock, AR – Martha Hendrix, Marketing Director – DME supplier

John W. Baumgarten Architect, P.C., Jericho, NY – John W. Baumgarten, President – full service architectural firm

Staff reported on Legislative activity which included:

A1280 - Sponsors: Giblin (D34); Coughlin (D19); Schepisi (R39) +4 Summary: Includes e-mail addresses in list of confidential items to be redacted from public records under OPRA. 06/06/2013—Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Position: Support

S2241 - Sponsors: Weinberg (D37); Vitale (D19); Singer (R30) +4 Summary: Prohibits Medicaid managed care organizations from reducing certain provider reimbursement rates without approval from DHS. 06/06/2013—Reported out of committee, referred Assembly Appropriations Comm. Position: Monitor

S2568 - Sponsors: Vitale (D19); Greenstein (D14) +3 Summary: Requires coverage of medication therapy management in Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare. 06/06/2013—Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. Position: Oppose. Amend to exclude NFs and ALs.

S2615 - Sponsors: Turner (D15); Addiego (R8) +1 Summary: Establishes prescription drug donation repository program. 06/03/2013—Reported with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate. Position: Support

Emergency Preparedness: The Resource Management database project is completed and will be uploaded to the website. Ramapo College and the Izod Center were both toured by a committee of emergency management personnel to determine how they might be used as sheltering sites in the event of a widespread disaster requiring evacuation of health care facilities. The National Electrical Code states that an emergency generator cannot rely solely on a public utility unless the utility issues a letter that says it is unlikely that electricity and natural gas would be lost at the same time. Members are asked to send copies of any letters they have received about this.

Quality - Reminder...POLST law is in effect. Facilities must have policies and procedures in place. Physicians should start conversation with residents and families when there is comorbidity. PointRight has established a universal rehospitalization tracking form. Month to month tracking is not effective. Their form is a 12-month rolling data form. Facilities should take advantage of AHCA's free Trend Tracker which captures your data as well as competitor data and benchmarks against the top facilities in the state. There are some changes to SNF survey process in med pass. Currently, 25 passes are observed; if errors are found 25 more will be observed. As of July 1, that system will stop and the survey will rely on the 25. Members were encouraged to review their policies and procedures regarding HIPAA as changes have been made. Among the changes are requirements that have been extended to subcontractors of business associates; new limits on information that can be used for purposes of marketing and, allowing patients to ask for their electronic medical records in electronic form.

By Laws Committee has met and re-examined the By Laws. Changes have been proposed. Copies of those changes will be sent electronically to membership for voting purposes.

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 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL R. LANGEVIN, JR.
President