



MINUTES OF MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
May 8, 2019
HCANJ Executive Offices, Hamilton, NJ

The meeting was convened at 1:47 p.m.

Retiring HCANJ Counsel, Jonathan Weiner, was honored with the HCANJ Chair, Jim Gonzalez, President and CEO, Jon Dolan, and former President, Paul Langevin speaking of Jonathan's fine service and friendship to HCANJ throughout the past 43 years.

Representatives of Taft Communications provided those in attendance with a brief training about telling their stories to legislators – "Why before What."

A brief instructional presentation was given on our new grassroots advocacy tool, "One Click Politics." This tool is similar to CapWiz but has much greater functionality including the ability to automatically post messages to legislators' Twitter feeds.

Legislative – The Aid in Dying bill has been signed by the Governor and will take effect in August. The legislature is out on budget break but will return on May 13. Staff attended a meeting with representatives of SEIU to discuss a compromise on the CNA ratio bill. SEIU agreed to our changes of including nurses in the ratio under the condition that they clock in as CNAs. This is unacceptable. The bill calls for five residents for each CNA during the day, ten in the evening and 15 overnight. We offered seven residents during the day and stated that it was our final offer. SEIU came back with six residents and was told again that seven was our final offer. A comment was made from the floor that this was a membership drive bill for SEIU. Another comment from the floor was made the CNA training must be ramped-up; there is a need for more training programs. Our budget ask is \$30 million for SNFs, \$2 million for SCNFs and \$2 million for AL. May 23 is a voting session for the Assembly and May 30 for the Senate. We would like members to come speak with legislators on their way to vote.

Education – The assisted living conference will take place on Tuesday, May 14 at the Doubletree by Hilton Tinton Falls.

Assisted Living – the Assisted Living Resident Profile Survey is now closed. Most ALs participated with some being granted extensions.

Emergency Management – Registration has opened for the 2019 "THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX: Bolstering Response Capabilities, Building Partnerships and Preparing for the Unexpected" Emergency Preparedness Conference on June 3, 2019. DOH Emergency Management is now known as Disaster Resilience. There is no more Health Command Center for emergencies.

Quality – Any IJs must be levied before the surveyors leave the building. Any issued afterward should be reported to HCANJ so that we can turn the information over to AHCA who will then address it with CMS. There are a lot of requirements that must be met as part of the Aid in Dying bill, most importantly that the resident may not have the medication administered – they must take it themselves. The Quality/Best Practice Committee has taken up workforce as their next focus. They would like to apply for CMP funds for advanced training for CNAs.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2019 Business Meeting minutes.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

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

- o **Pharmcare USA**, Edison, NJ/Pharmaceutical Services/Supplies
- o **ECP**, East Troy, WI/Technology-Hardware/Software/Communications

Several other reports were given, and topics discussed, however, no further formal action was taken. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Dolan
President/CEO