



MINUTES OF MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING  
December 11, 2013  
HCANJ Executive Offices, Hamilton, NJ

The meeting was convened at 12:55 p.m.

The membership recognized Dennis Gregory for his eight years of service on the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee reported that the Search Committee has completed their portion of the interview and selection process and passed information regarding candidates under consideration to the Executive Committee. The process of selecting a new president is moving along and the committee will keep the membership apprised of its progress. Because Paul Langevin will leave the position at the end of the month, John Indyk will serve as Interim President. The Committee recognized and thanked Paul for his leadership over the past 13 years.

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

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

Allendale Community, Allendale, NJ - Dr. Tim Giancarlo, President - 120 NF, 216 CPC - Kathy Manger, Administrator

Budget – Due to new services added within the Association and the fact that we must increase our reserve which is used for expenses such as legal fees for lawsuits, a dues increase of \$4 per bed has been recommended. This year, successful legal action was undertaken for non-payment of dues by three facilities. By way of comparison, nursing facility dues in the state of NY have been raised to over \$55 per bed and in PA have been, and continue to be, \$66. The proposed budget was moved, seconded, and approved without further discussion.

Members are urged to read the HCANJ Bylaws as well as their dues invoices so to be fully aware of the requirements of membership as well as what portion of their dues is used for lobbying. Next year's lobbying expense is projected at 8%. This part of dues is not reimbursable.

Board/Committee Roster - Board members were reminded that they must attend no fewer than 4 HCANJ meetings. NJALC meetings do not count toward that number. Anyone can attend committee meetings with the exception of the Executive and Budget & Finance Committees. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the roster as presented.

Monthly Business Meeting Calendar – A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the proposed calendar.

Staff reported that we are active on a few bills including:

Legislative Activity:

A3558 - Sponsors: Benson (D14); Chivukula (D17); Lampitt (D6); Eustace (D38) Summary: Provides for licensure of pediatric respite care facilities. Position: Monitor *Notes: Bill was amended to specify that a pediatric long-term care facility is a pediatric respite care facility and are exempted from the licensure provisions of the bill.*

A3716 - Sponsors: Lampitt (D6); Vainieri Huttie (D37) Summary: Requires coverage of medication therapy management in Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare. Position: Monitor *Notes: Had bill amended to exclude nursing facilities, assisted living facilities and adult day health services. Requested additional amendment to exclude pediatric day care and assisted living programs.*

The State has provided a symptom assessment for Tuberculosis. If you have your own, you are advised to check it against the State's. All RNs are required to have one hour of organ and tissue donation education. HCANJ will provide an education session that will meet this requirement on December 20.

Civil Monetary Penalty (CMP) - The state recommends the penalty; CMS then reviews it and issues the penalty letter. Recently, the amount recommended by the state has been significantly increased by CMS. In April 2013 a new CMP calculator (available on the CMS website) was instituted. The State does not use this calculator – this means that their figures will run about 25% less than what CMS will assess. This is being reviewed at the DOH.

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 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL R. LANGEVIN, JR.  
President