



MINUTES OF MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING  
May 9, 2018  
HCANJ Executive Offices, Hamilton, NJ

The meeting was convened at 1:20 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2018 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 memberships of:

**H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.**, Parsippany, NJ 07054/Architect, Construction  
**Alarm & Communication Technologies, Inc.**, Wharton, NJ 07885/Fire/Safety/Security

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the facility memberships of:

**House of The Good Shepherd**, Hackettstown, NJ 07840/62NF - 61AL  
**The Brookside**, Freehold, NJ 07728 / 199 AL

Communication – A new membership brochure has been created. It has been formatted as a two-sided sheet to facilitate electronic delivery as a pdf.

Clinical/Quality – Staff met with DOH to speak about CNA reciprocity and feeding assistants. There seems to finally be agreement that CNAs from other states should not have to go through the NJ CNA training; however, there will be a test that will address skills. HCANJ and the NJ Hospital Association are working together to develop a feeding assistant program which will be submitted by June. DOH promised a quick turnaround. Dr. David Gifford and Sara Rudow of AHCA met with David Wright at CMS to discuss the CMP fines for level D and E citations. They took real examples that were submitted by our members. Mr. Wright expressed concern about the difficulty and confusion caused by states making CMP recommendations and agreed that any decisions related to CMPs and other remedies should be sent to facilities in a clear and timely manner. We will continue to collect examples to forward to CMS. Members are asked to share any examples from May forward. Please send the 2567 and the letter stating the fine. They will be forwarded to AHCA and then on to CMS. We would also like to hear from facilities who received a CMP recommendation from the State and then had it withdrawn.

Education – The assisted living conference, taking place on May 22, has been moved from the Sheraton Eatontown to the DoubleTree by Hilton Eatontown because the Sheraton's renovations will not be completed until the end of June. The Commissioner of Health will be the keynote speaker. Members are encouraged to run NAB reports to ensure that all credits appear accurately. Right now, NAB is seeing discrepancies and they are working on the issue. A reminder was given that members may report up to 10 credits received by attending our business meetings every three years.

Emergency Management – The incident command system and integration for decision-making and sheltering in place program is now available. Hurricane season begins June 1. Members were encouraged to review and update emergency plans.

Reimbursement – CMS released rules for Medicare PPS for next year. Providers will see a 2.4% market basket increase. A payment proposal in place of RCS-1 has been released. The difference is that PT and OT are broken out. The comment period ends June 26. Please submit your comments to HCANJ before then. There was discussion among those in attendance about how this is still a work in progress. A lot more work must be done before a final system is ready.

Legislative activity included – A382 is being discussed by the Senate. This bill will establish a minimum Certified Nursing Aid- to - resident ratio in nursing centers. Staff is working hard to bring awareness of the financial hardship this bill would cause, as well as the fact that it is already difficult enough to find CNAs. HCANJ would like to see RNs and LPNs included in this ratio, recognizing the fact that a number of our centers, particularly the SCNFs are more heavily staffed with RNs and LPNs. It was noted that, while the direct care work of CNAs is invaluable, the higher level of training for RNs and LPNs should be recognized and weighed appropriately.

After a presentation by the President on the SF2019 reimbursement or rate increase request and action to defeat and dismantle the minimum staffing legislation, the members held a robust discussion of the options, strategy and potential for advocacy success on the issues.

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 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Dolan  
President/CEO