



MINUTES OF MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

March 12, 2014

HCANJ Executive Offices, Hamilton, NJ

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

The minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting were approved and the Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

The Executive Committee Chair introduced the new HCANJ President and CEO, Jon Dolan. Jon reported on his first 30 days as well as what he plans in the next 100 days. He also took questions.

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

Encore Rehabilitation Services, Columbus., OH – LeeAnn Jordan, Administrative Asst. – Rehab Services

The Governor gave his Budget Address on February 25. In this proposed budget nursing facility rates will be flat and there is a line item for Managed Long Term Supports and Services (MLTSS). Residents/patients who are in your facility prior to July 1 will be on a fee for service. After July 1, new residents/patients must pick a managed care company. If you've already negotiated a rate, that will be your rate. All ALs will be in managed care on July 1. SCNFs will be under fee for service for two years. After that, anyone new coming in must select a managed care company. After July 1, there will be no more acuity basis except for last quarter of 2013. The Managed Care Sub-Acute Committee will meet very soon to discuss MLTSS.

Budget strategy – This year's ask will be \$3 million in state funding for assisted living...5/day, \$17 million included for nursing facilities representing a 2.5% increase over FY2014, and an increase of \$4.9 million for SCNFs. Staff will appear and provide testimony at Senate and Assembly budget hearings next week. Department budget hearings will take place after April. This will be the opportunity to present questions to Commissioner Velez. The Reimbursement Committee will meet in May.

Legislative items reported include:

A1071 – Sponsored by Schaer (D36); Jimenez (D32); Wimberly (D35)

Requires electric public utilities to provide priority power restoration to hospitals, assisted living facilities, and nursing facilities. Position: Support.

Quality and Clinical - Quality initiatives are essential as we move to managed care. There is an initiative to remove sliding scale insulin from facilities due to too many negative outcomes including hypoglycemia, which is deadly. On November 19 HCANJ will present a Bronze Award "boot camp." Facilities are urged to institute a QAPI plan on rehospitalization if they have not seen a 15% reduction.

An additional 1.5 assisted living surveyors are to be added by DHS. Financial exploitation 30-day notices should be sent to the ombudsman who is turning them over to the office of the Attorney General.

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 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Dolan', is written over a horizontal line.

Jon Dolan
President/CEO