

NHARCH Board of Directors Minutes 8/9/2022

Present: Alex Amann, Kris Andreozzi, Gary Cahoon, Meghan Cook, Matt Gatzke, Linette Handschumaker, Chris Kelliher, Alex Koutroubas, Eldon Munson, Sara Nadeau, Michelle Pelham, Amy Rauert and Jen Skelton.

Absent: Deborah Burns, Jeanne Donohoe and Pat Gray.

ZOOM Board Meeting Called to Order: 1:32 PM

Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2022 Board Meeting: A motion was made, seconded. Approved.

Approval of Financial Statement for June and July 31, 2022: Alex reported on both the June and July financials. The organization currently has approximately \$90K in total assets. The majority of dues have been received so there will be less income in the second part of the year other than from conferences. Due to ongoing expenses, total assets are expected to decrease. With respect to training/conference income, there will be some income in August due to upcoming Medication Administration and CARES training. Alex reported the IRS assessed late fees for the 2021 tax filing; he is contesting the fee.

A motion was made to approve the financials for both June and July as presented, seconded. Approved.

Convention/Education Update: Matt reported there was a Medication class in July with 11 attendees. This course continues to be requested and well attended. This was the first in-person class in a year. The next class will be in September. There will be a CARES class on August 19th and will be the first in-person RAT/CARES training since the start of the pandemic. The fall convention will be on October 4th; it will be a one-day in-person conference at the Grappone Center. The goal is to finalize the agenda and begin promoting the conference by early September. The committee is still contemplating Eric Colletti as a speaker; he is highly rated but charges a fee of \$5K. Eric is a former Administrator and addresses all administrative topics including recruitment and retention, team building and financial management.

Legislative Update: Alex reported there has been minimal legislative activity due to the summer recess. However, the Governor is continuing to sign legislation. Alex updated the board on the following bills:

SB281: This is the bill that prohibits charging for more than 10 days after removal of a resident's belongings if the resident passes away. This bill has been signed and is effective September 6, 2022. Membership will need to be advised to update Agreements accordingly.

HB1439: This is the bill regarding visitation. This bill was signed on July 1st and is effective immediately. This bill affects the content of the Patient Bill of Rights. It was recommended members be advised so they can update their posted Bill of Rights. An updated version of the Bill of Rights will be downloaded and sent to members once available. Of note, there is a requirement to post the Bill of Rights on facility websites. Members will also be advised of this new requirement.

Alex reported new proposed legislation may be available as early as the next meeting. He also noted HHS has started their budget process. September 13th is the state primary. There are several challengers

for Governor on the Republican side. Senator Sherman is currently unopposed. There are also a few challengers running against Senator Hassan. On September 14th, both the House and Senate will convene to override any of the Governor's vetoes. None of those are related to health care. Alex expects all vetoes to be sustained. The "Request for Information"/RFI for the adult dental benefit has been released. There is some concern about provider participation. Delta Dental is expected to participate. Alex will begin representing both the HCA and NHARCH.

Eldon initiated conversation about forming a Political Action Committee (PAC) due to the upcoming elections. Alex questioned if there would be sufficient donations. There is a significant amount of effort to fundraising and reporting on funding sources; it will only make sense to form the PAC, in lieu of direct donations, if there is enough expected revenue. However, a PAC is the best approach if there will be significant fundraising. A separate off-line discussion will be held. Eldon requested Alex be prepared at the meeting to present pros, cons and associated rules and regulations.

Old Business:

Medication Administration Sub-Committee Update:

The letter sent to Wendi Aultman was received. Based on the meeting in July, it is too late to request a rate change for the 2022 budget, but a temporary rate increase could be requested. The board has not yet received a response to the letter.

Sara reported she will be submitting a letter to the Board of Nursing to request a change to the eligibility for the MNA certification course. The current requirement is for two-years full-time with no accounting for the typical two weeks a year of vacation. The rule does not define "full-time". In calling some of the organizations that offer the course, they were informed by the Board of Nursing that it is defined as 36 hours a week. Sara is proposing two changes to the current rule:

- 1) Define "full-time" as 32 hours a week and deduct two weeks of vacation per year
- 2) Allow any student in a nursing program (either RN or LPN) who has taken the medication management course to be eligible, regardless of holding a LNA license

Sara plans to submit the letter by Friday.

H2-B Visas and Health Care Worker Shortage: Sara reported she was able to reach a point of contact in Senator Collins' DC office (Trent) to discuss if Senator Collins was currently working on any legislation regarding this visa program, especially related to expansion to include the health care industry, as had been reported to Sara by a contact at the SBA. Unfortunately, she is not currently working on such legislation. Trent stated he felt such legislation would be challenging to pass at this time. Conservative Democrats would not be supportive due to pushback from unions and Republicans currently are unsupportive of any immigration reform.

The Board discussed reaching back out to Argentum. A contact at Argentum recently reported to Alex K. that they were working on a proposal regarding immigrations and visas in light of the workforce shortage. Sara, Alex and Matt agreed to reach out again to our delegation.

New Business:

No new business was discussed.

Kris Andreozzi informed the board that she will be starting a new position, Professional & Advanced Clinical Learning Manager, with Rockingham County. She is intending to stay as a board member.

The next meeting will be on September 13, 2022 at 1:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 PM.

Minutes submitted by Sara Nadeau