Board of Directors

Lisa White

❖ Thank you to all the MHHA Education Committee, presenters, sponsors, and attendees who helped make the MHHA Annual Conference one of the best. It was 2017’s largest gathering of home care and hospice professionals in our state and looking back at it, I could not be prouder to be the MHHA Board Chair. It truly is a “A Whole New Ball Game” for home care and hospice and the Conference provided us with important new insights, professional education, and important new relationships. ❖ In 2018, the MHHA Conference will be held in Grand Rapids, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. Mark your calendar for April 25 – 27, so that you won’t miss it. When one conference is over, the Education Committee begins immediately preparing for next year. Please consider becoming involved as a member of the Education Committee to help plan the 2018 event. ❖ Being involved as a MHHA member has never been so important as it is right now. Aging baby boomers are increasing the need for personal care and health services in their home and the demand won’t slow down for at least the next 30 years. Major regulatory, and reimbursement changes have been imposed on us and we expect more to come as President Trump and Congress revamp the health care system in our country. Regardless of your political view, now is the time for MHHA members to be engaged with a seat at the negotiating table. You can help by getting to know your state and federal legislators and by making a financial contribution to the PAC, once each year. ❖ MHHA Awards Luncheon was held May 4, to honor several students and leaders. ❖ Scholarships. Thanks to the generous donations from members contributing to the Silent Auction held during the Conference, the Michael Bartz Family, the Rosemary Mayes Family, and the Kitch, Drutchas Wagner and Sherbrook (Kitch) Law Firm, $5500 was awarded for three scholarships. Winners include: Kitch Allied Health and Rosemary Mayes Scholarship awarded to Angeline Tagget, RN. The Michael G. Bartz Memorial Health Administration Scholarship was awarded to Bernstein Crowley. ❖ Spirit of Caring Award was presented to retired Professor Susan Clemen-Stone RN, BSN, MPH. Chairman’s Award was presented to Shari Wilson of Munson Home Health, Hospice, and Palliative Care. ❖ Hall of Fame. Establish just last year, the Michigan Home Care and Hospice Hall of Fame honored three new inductees. Inducted to the 2017 Hall of Fame were: 1. Mary Ann Rayrat, RN; 2. Penny Rhein, RN; The third was presented posthumously to Rosemary Mayes, RN. Congratulations to our winners. ❖ New Board Members. The elected Board members were announced at the MHHA Annual Meeting held on May 3, and installed onto the Board at the MHHA Awards Luncheon. New Board members are: HME Seat – Brian Griffore – Airway Oxygen, Inc.; At Large Seat – Angie Levandowski – Henry Ford Allegiance; Private Duty Seat – Sheila Doeden – Senior Helpers; At Large Seat – Kim Costello – Holland Hospital Home Care Services; At Large Seat – Amy Parkinson – Sparrow Home Care Services; Hospice Seat - Amy Banfield – Southern Care Hospice. The new Board members will join those currently serving a term on the Board including: Certified – Melody Ford – AFB Home Care; Infusion – Diane Glasgow – Covenant VNA; Certified – Lisa White – Munson Home Health, Hospice, and Palliative Care; At Large – Elizabeth Buckley – Trinity Home Care Services; HME – Deb Holman – Hart Medical Equipment Services; Palliative Care – John Mulder – Trillium Institute and Faith Hospice; Hospice – John Person – Hospice of Lansing; Private Duty – Bert Copple – Home Instead Senior Care; Member at Large – Amy Gil – United Nursing Services; and Associate Seat – Sam Watson – Michigan Health and Hospital Association.

Reimbursement

Amy Gil & Kerri Allen

❖ The next Reimbursement Committee meeting will be June 21st at 9:30 a.m. at the MHHA office.
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Support candidates to state elected offices at the State level PAC, these monies are used in the Associations efforts to PAC reception were many e at the Annual Conference. More details to come. ♦ There were many events at the Conference you could participate in: PAC reception was Wednesday evening 7:15-9pm. You can make donations in the form of a personal check to fund the PAC, these monies are used in the Associations efforts to support candidates to state elected offices at the State level and their advocacy and support for Home Care and Hospice. The Vendor Reception was on Wednesday from 5-7pm and serves as a great way to learn about new goods and services in our industry that may help us in our businesses.

Clinical Operations
Amy Parkinson & Kim Costello ♦ The May Clinical Operations meeting was held during our Annual Conference at the Grand Traverse Resort. It was great to see some new faces! Highlights of our discussion included Home Health Aides initial and annual training after an agency received a condition level deficiency. ♦ MILARA clarified that they need to use an agency with another provider number to conduct the training. CNA certification classes and recertification processes were also discussed. ♦ The Regulatory Committee invited everyone to join in on the review and analysis of the proposed CoP’s. To date the group has reviewed Patient Rights and will be focusing on QAPI in their next meeting. ♦ The motion was made to dissolve the Psych Sub-committee and replace it with an Emergency Preparedness Committee. Look for more information about that committee formation. The education committee was given a huge THANK YOU for providing for us another great conference!

HME/Infusion
Brian Griffore & Julie Johnson ♦ The HME Committee will be meeting by teleconference on June 7th. The Blue Cross Liaison Meeting is at MHHA on May 23rd and at Blue Cross on May 31st.

Education
Deb Holman ♦ The MHHA 2017 Annual Conference. “It’s a Whole New Ballgame” took place May 3-5, 2017 at the Grand Traverse Resort. It proved to be a successful event with over 200 attendees and 56 exhibitors showcasing their products and services. Please Save the Date for next year’s conference April 25-27, 2018 at the Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Education Committee will be back at work in June discussing this year’s event and beginning to make plans for next year. Watch your e-mail and the MHHA website if you are interested in participating in next year’s event as a speaker or exhibitor. ♦ The Committee will also begin at their June meeting making educational plans for the remainder of this year. Topics of discussion will be OASIS, ICD—10, COPS, Hospice Federal Rules and much more. ♦ MHHA continues to offer a variety of webinar opportunities. Watch your e-mail and the website: www.mhha.org, calendar of events for registration and additional information on other webinars and workshops taking place.

Palliative Care
Christie Herrick & John Mulder ♦ The Palliative Care Committee continues to work on our initiative including: Prioritizing Palliative Care Legislation to focus on; policies that affect palliative care in Michigan; MI-POLST; drug abuse prevention; also in the coming months, we will work to update the MHHA website to include Palliative Care. We did not have a meeting in April due to the MHHA conference but will continue meeting in May.
Public Policy
Lisa White & Sara Lowe
♦ The next Public Policy meeting will be June 2nd at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference.

PAC
Larry Treece
♦ Greetings to all PAC supporters following the Annual Conference. I was pleased to see so many of you at the PAC reception on the beautiful 14th floor at the Grand Traverse Tower. Thank you for your donations to MHHA PAC!! If you missed us, you may still reach out and send us a personal check to MHHA PAC here at MHHA headquarters. We will continue to educate those in Lansing on our issues in Home Care and Hospice. ♦ Thank you also to the volunteers who helped at the Foundation Silent Auction...good to see yah!! Another year in the records!! Thanks from me to MHHA Staff for your help!!

Hospice
Amy Banfield & Sherri Solomon
♦ This was an informal meeting, made available to everyone attending the 2017 MHHA Annual Conference. The agenda was spontaneous. The Committee chairwomen (Amy Banfield and Sherri Solomon) were unavailable to lead, so John Person and René Wheaton graciously stepped up to the challenge. John and René asked everyone to introduce themselves. Attendees included a wide variety of hospice roles and geography. John and René described the primary responsibilities of the Hospice Committee and its Subcommittees. Attendees posed a variety of questions, especially about the Quality-Regulatory Sub-Committee. Many agreed that although they are interested in attending that and other meetings, there are just too many meetings and they feel overwhelmed. René and John pointed out that all meetings include a call-in opportunity, to decrease the time-cost of travel. Attendees asked to consider making the subcommittee meetings (in particular Quality-Regulatory) quarterly instead of monthly. Nancy Malovey pointed out the value of the Reimbursement Sub-Committee (like the upcoming meeting with Blue Cross) and encouraged attendance there as well. Attendees voiced concern that they don’t know when the meetings are being held. René and John instructed that they should contact Mary Pfeiffer, MHHA’s Administrative Assistant, to request she add them to the email distribution lists as appropriate. Another attendee pointed out that everyone should be reading the “Bulletin Board Newsletter”, which is produced monthly and is available to everyone on the MHHA.org website. It contains lots of valuable current committee information like the Proposed 2018 Rule about which a summary is expected to be included in the June issue. It was also noted that Hospice Committee minutes and agendas are available for everyone’s reading pleasure on the website. ♦ John and René instructed that the listserv will be changing soon, and that everyone (including current listserv subscribers) who wanted to be on the new revised hospice and palliative listserv needed to write their names and information on sign-up sheets, passed around the room during this meeting. They pointed out that the need for re-establishment of a Quality-Regulatory Sub-Committee will be determined by identifying the degree of Q-R topics and challenges addressed on the listserv. ♦ The next Hospice Committee meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in Okemos. Call-in information will be emailed out beforehand.

Nurse Planning Committee
Nancy Dillon
♦ Attention All BSNs! We are looking for members who would like to be mentored to become Nurse Planners for Michigan Association for Home Care. A Nurse Planner is an BSN who works with other BSNs as a member of the group who review and finalize the Continuing Education documents for Michigan Home Care members. Our experienced Nurse Planners (Nancy Dillon, Ann Brissette, Amelia Pascual, Kristy Boyll) will work with you to learn the process. Michigan Home Care also provides registration for the Ohio Nurses Association Annual Update for Nurse Planners, held in Michigan, and regular news letters. ♦ We meet quarterly by conference call, and most of our work is done via email and conference call. Next meeting is April 26th. If you are interested in adding this skill to your resume, please contact: Cindy Thelen at cindy@mhha.org.

Regulatory Committee
Elizabeth Buckley
♦ Last month we did not have the Regulatory Committee meeting, however there are many issues that remain on the horizon for home health. ♦ We are still awaiting the final word that the new Conditions of Participation will be effective January of 2018. There is not yet any Interpretive Guidelines from CMS on these new conditions, so preparation for agencies is somewhat hampered by that. Most accrediting bodies have not yet come forward with guidance because they rely on CMS. The State of Michigan surveyors will not be trained on the new conditions until CMS provides that guidance. MHHA did host a series of seminars on the topic which was very comprehensive and thorough by Arlene Maxim. Our Regulatory Committee will continue reviewing these conditions to offer any assistance to
our members on becoming compliant. ♦ **Probe and educate audits**  There has been much discussion on this and how agencies are responding. At the MHHA Conference our NGS educator Lauri Domingo was able to answer many questions regarding F2F, certification and the Probe & Educate audits, this was very helpful for all attendees. Most Michigan agencies have completed the second round of the audits and a third round has not been announce at this time.

♦ **Pre Claim Review** Pre Claim Review is on hold right now in Illinois, this was announced on April 30. No other states have been rolled out yet and no date is announced for expansion. There is uncertainty right now if PCR will return in some other iteration, stay tuned. ♦ **Emergency Preparedness** Agencies should be integrating these new regulations into your agency operations now. There was an announcement that surveyors will be looking for these to be implemented for surveys occurring in November 2017 and going forward. ♦ The Regulatory Committee will continue to keep our eyes and ears open for any additional information our members need to continue to stay abreast of all these fast moving pieces.
Links of Interest


Competencies for the Heart of Hospice Care Webinar – May 18, 2017 - http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=Njk4


Post-Acute Care & Integration for Hospice & Home Care – June 1, 2017 - http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=NzAw


NGS Questions Needed - http://www.mhha.org/submit-question-to-ngs/

BCBS Call for Questions - http://www.mhha.org/bcbsm-questions/

Additional Events - http://www.mhha.org/upcoming-events/

Committee Calendar

Board Meeting – June 8, 2017
Ethics Committee – May 18, 2017
HME Committee Teleconference – June 7, 2017
Hospice Committee – June 1, 2017
Hospice Residence Teleconference – June 14, 2017
Hospice Room and Board Committee – June 9, 2017
Education Committee – June 20, 2017
Palliative Care Committee Teleconference – May 25, 2017
Public Policy Committee – June 2, 2017
Private Duty Committee – June 20, 2017
Reimbursement Committee – June 21, 2017
Clinical Operations Committee Meeting – June 15, 2017
Regulatory Committee – June 15, 2017
We Honor Veterans – June 14, 2017

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