

Board of Directors

Lisa White

◆ I hope your New Year is off to a great start. MHHA is involved on your behalf in several areas and I look forward to 2018 being an important building year for the industry and the association. Watch the events calendar at www.MHHA.org or contact Mary Pfeiffer at the MHHA offices (maryp@mhha.org) to be included on notice lists for the committees and events that interest you. If you are not already actively involved with MHHA, make 2018 the year you get involved. Your organization and career will benefit from being an active MHHA member. ◆ **State Legislative Day.** Please join your MHHA Colleagues on March 8, for the State Legislative Day. We have reserved the 1st Floor, North Wing, of the State Capitol Building for our event. Tables will be set up and legislators are invited to join MHHA members for lunch. This is a fun opportunity to get to know your area legislators better and meet them in their capitol surroundings. Our Public Policy Committee is working on issue priorities and talking points to share with legislators. If you are interested in setting the policy agenda, plan to participate on the Public Policy Teleconference calls on the first Friday of each month at 10am. More information will be coming on the State Legislative Day but please put the date on your calendar and plan to join us at the State Capitol. ◆ **Board Elections.** MHHA elections will be held on April 26, this year. If you have an interest in serving on the MHHA Board or possibly curious about serving sometime in the future, please contact me (lwhite2@mhc.net) or Nominating Committee Chair, **Deb Holman** (deb.holman@hartmedical.org). Alternatively, you can contact any member of the MHHA Board and they will share your interest with us. Consideration of Board leadership begins with your being an involved member and mentor to others. Deb and I would like to help you evaluate if MHHA leadership is right for you. ◆ **2018 Hall of Fame Nominations** Due February 1. Who is that one person that mentored you in your home care/hospice career? Who stands out as a leader deserving of recognition in the Michigan HomeCare & Hospice Hall of Fame. Up to three individuals will be recognized for this award and will join a select group of inductees who, through their career achievements, exemplify the very best by continually bringing credit to their profession and the home care and hospice community. Staff and Board members are not eligible to be nominated while serving on the Board because

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they are making the selection of the new inductees. Honorees will receive two complementary tickets to attend the MHHA Annual meeting on April 26 to be recognized and officially entered into the Michigan HomeCare & Hospice - Hall of Fame. Visit this link for more information and a nomination form: <http://www.mhha.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/2018-Hall-of-Fame-Nomination-Form-Dec-14-2017.pdf> or contact MHHA at 517 349-8089. ◆ **Scholarships.** Do you know a student with connections to home care or hospice who can use some help paying for their education? The MHHA Foundation will be awarding three scholarships again this year with winners being recognized at the Annual Conference on April 26. 1. **Kitch Law** – Allied Health Scholarship. A \$2,000 scholarship awarded to a student enrolled in an Allied Health Related curriculum. 2. \$1500 for the **Michael Bartz Memorial Scholarship**, awarded to a deserving student enrolled in a health administration related curriculum. 3. \$2000 **Rosemary Mays Memorial Nursing Scholarship** awarded to a deserving nursing student. Application forms are available on the MHHA homepage in the left-hand column: www.mhha.org. ◆ **Silent Auction and Student Scholarship fundraising.** MHHA Foundation Scholarships are possible because of the generous donations of the Kitch Law firm, the Michael Bartz family, and the Rosemary Mays family. The Foundation raises additional funds to match the family contributions by hosting a silent auction during the MHHA Annual Conference and receiving individual contributions. Please consider making your charitable contribution to the Michigan Foundation for Home Care (MFHC) or donate an actionable item to the MHHA Silent Auction held at the Annual Conference. Contact the MHHA office for more information on how you can help contribute to the student scholarship fund. ◆ Enjoy this month's MHHA News Bulletin. Keep reading and learn what your association is up to and how you can be more involved.

Clinical Operations/Regulatory

Amy Parkinson & Kim Costello

Elizabeth Buckley & Erin David

◆ Clinical Operations: We are all getting ready to implement the new COPs for Home Health that are official as of the 13th! The focus is on patient rights and care planning, but there are many changes for all of us to roll out and we just received the Interpretive Guidelines last month! We did not have a meeting in December but plan to meet on January 18th at 9:30am at the Okemos office. This group is primarily focused on the Certified Home Health area and has reports from subcommittees such as Regulatory, NGS, Rehab and MILARA. ◆ Hospice: CMS recently issued revisions to the Hospice chapter of the claims manual with CR 10361/Transmittal 3930. Agencies should familiarize themselves with the changes. Hospice Compare data has now been posted (delayed from the November 20 date). This will be publicly reported in February 2018. ◆ The Regulatory Committee meets directly afterwards and has been working on reviewing the changes in the Emergency Management Rules. Plan on attending both to hear what everyone is doing!

Reimbursement

Amy Gil & Kerri Allen

◆ The Reimbursement Committee met last on December 20th at the MHHA Office. ◆ There are many challenges in reimbursement and your presence is wanted and needed. The HHGM was prevented from going into the 2018 budget without input from homecare. This was a win for the homecare industry, however, negotiations are happening now for the 2019 budget. ◆ Nominations are being taken for the 2018 MHHA Hall of Fame. ◆ It was suggested that MHHA hold an appeals/audits by Joe at QIRT 1/s day seminar. ◆ There is a Medicare State Liaison Meeting being held on January 11th. ◆ BCBS – There has been no response from the October 27th meeting. We will be sending a letter to BCBS as a follow up on the issues from the October meeting. ◆ Medicaid – Private Duty is looking for a meeting with Medicaid. Also, Hospice is still having issues getting paid on the Room and Board issue. ◆ SCIO – Group is asking for a meeting with SCIO, Medicare Plus Blue and Humana and United Health care regarding the New Conditions of Participation. ◆ MHHA will be creating a draft letter to Medicare regarding the Advantage Plans to have available at our January meeting. Next meeting will be January 17, 2018 by teleconference.

Education

Deb Holman

◆ The MHHA Education Committee is finishing its work on the 2018 Annual Conference. The 2018 Annual Conference will be April 25-27, 2018 at the Amway Grand Plaza. The theme will be “Mitten Strong: Bringing Care Home”. Registrations should be available later in January and will feature the following topics: MILARA update for home health and hospice, NGS update for home health and hospice, CGS update for HME, Healthy Work environment, Documentation, Human Trafficking, Achieving Quality despite maintaining compliance, NAHC update, pain management, cyber security, the go to private duty agency, communicating with difficult clinicians, QAPI, booting online reputation, disaster planning, COPS, release of medical records, DOL audits, opioid legislation, recruitment and retaining employees, HIPAA Tracking and Reporting, different models of palliative care, HIS, Hospice proposed rule and Reducing hospital readmission in Alzheimer’s patients. ◆ MHHA will be holding an ICD-10 Coding Class February 26-28, 2018. Registration materials will be available shortly. ◆ MHHA continues to offer a variety of webinar opportunities. Watch your e-mail and the website: www.mhha.org, calendar of events for registration & additional information on other webinars/workshops taking place.

Palliative Care

Christie Herrick & John Mulder

◆ Palliative Committee did not meet in December. Will resume meetings on January 25, 2018. Will review Palliative Committee initiatives and goals for the coming year. Will look at website for inclusion of Palliative Services and looking at Education needs for the coming year. ◆ Continue to follow MI-POST for updates as it gets fully implemented across the state and continue to follow along closely with new bill 597 “a physician shall not issue a medical order, orally or in writing, to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining treatment from a patient or to not resuscitate a patient without first obtaining the consent of one of the following: a) patient, b) parent of minor, c) patient advocate (dpoa), d) guardian”.

Private Duty

◆ The next Private Duty Teleconference will be Tuesday, December 19th at 12:30 p.m.

Public Policy

Lisa White & Sara Lowe

◆ The new MIPOST legislation has been signed by the governor. The next step in the process is promulgation of rules. If you are interested in being a part of that work please contact Barry at the association office. ◆ The committee continues to track proposed legislation regarding Opioids and will continue to provide updates as they become available. ◆ If you are interested in joining the Public Policy Committee please contact the association office for the call-in information for our monthly meetings which are held the first Friday of the month at 10am. Meetings will resume in February 2018.

HME/Infusion

Brian Griffore & Julie Johnson

◆ Next teleconference will be Wednesday, January 10th at 9:00 a.m. in the morning.

Hospice

Amy Banfield & Sherri Solomon

◆ Next meeting will be February 1, 2018.

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 HomeCare & Hospice Association (MHHA). A Nurse Planner is a BSN who works with other BSNs to review and finalize the Continuing Education documents for MHHA members. Our experienced Nurse Planners (Nancy Dillon, Ann Brissette, Amelia Pascual) will work with you to learn the process. MHHA also provides registration for the Ohio Nurses Association Annual Update, 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. If you are interested in adding this skill to your resume, please contact: Cindy Thelen at cindyth@mhha.org.

Links of Interest

Hospice & Facilities Contractual Relationships: Actions to Take & Traps to Avoid – January 11, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODgy>

Violence in Home Health Care: Protecting Your Workforce Webinar – January 18, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODU3>

Aligning Palliative Care Services in 2018: Latest Trends, Insights & Data – January 16, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODgz>

OASIS-C2: Focus on Accuracy 5 Part Webinar Series - Part 1 of 5 – January 17, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODcx>

Violence in Home Health Care: Protecting Your Workforce – January 18, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODU3>

Why Staff Leave & How to Keep/Attract Them Webinar – January 23, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODUz>

OASIS-C2: Focus on Accuracy 5 Part Webinar Series - Part 2 of 5 – January 24, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODcy>

Hospice 101: The Basics for New Staff – January 25, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODg0>

OASIS-C2: Focus on Accuracy 5 Part Webinar Series - Part 3 of 5 – January 31, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODcz>

Basics of QAPI in the New Home Health CoPs! Webinar – February 13, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODU1>

Hospice ADRs Webinars – February 7, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODU0>

The Art of ICD-10 Coding Workshop – February 26-28, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODO4>

Ethical Existential and/or Spiritual Care for Persons of All Faiths and Ideologies: What All Disciplines Can Do Webinar – February 28, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODU2>

OASIS C2 – Traversing the Abyss Webinar Series - Part 1 of 3 – March 8, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODU5>

OASIS C2 – Traversing the Abyss Webinar - Part 2 of 3 – March 22, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODYw>

OASIS C2 – Traversing the Abyss Webinar Part 3 of 3 – April 5, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODYx>

Hospice Coding 3-Part Webinar Series - Part 1 of 3 – May 1, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODYy>

Hospice Coding 3-Part Webinar Series - Part 2 of 3 – May 15, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODYz>

Hospice Coding 3-Part Webinar Series - Part 3 of 3 – May 29, 2018 - <http://www.mhha.org/calendar-of-event-details/?id=ODY0>

MILARA Questions Needed - <http://www.mhha.org/committees/mdch-question-submissions/>

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

[Clinical Operations Committee Meeting](#) – January 18, 2018

[Education Committee Teleconference](#) – January 25, 2018

[HME Committee Teleconference](#) – January 10, 2018

[Hospice Committee Teleconference](#) – February 1, 2018

[Hospice Residence Teleconference](#) – January 10, 2018

[Hospice Room and Board Teleconference](#) – January 12, 2018

[Palliative Care Committee](#) – January 25, 2018

[Private Duty Committee Teleconference](#) – January 16, 2018

[Public Policy Committee](#) – February 2, 2018

[Regulatory Committee](#) – January 18, 2018

[Reimbursement Committee](#) – January 17, 2018

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