



HOME CARE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2009

Members present:

Patricia Brost, Judith Cunio, Sharon Ely, Scott Lay (via phone), Angela Munkers, Dayle Niemie, Lyla Swafford, Michael Volpe

Members absent:

Don Bruland

Others present:

Claudia Babcock, Joan Claypool, Naima Laharnar, Art McCurdy, Lindsay Nakaishi, Glenna Niemie, Dottie Schwab, Carol Simonds, Cheryl Willcoxon

Staff present:

Yvonne Fleming, Leslie Houston, Kelly Rosenau, Cheryl Sanders

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Mike Volpe.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed and accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 7 were reviewed. Judy Cunio said that Page 5 of the minutes incorrectly stated that the next Commission meeting would be July 2. This was corrected to read "June 4." **Motion** was made by Patricia Brost to accept the minutes with the correction. **Seconded** by Dayle Niemie. **Approved.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements pertinent to the Commission.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There was no public testimony.

OHCC BUDGET UPDATE

Claudia Babcock presented the "2007-2009 Home Care Commission Budget to Actual Report, July 1, 2007 through April 30, 2009." Claudia stated that all invoices for the 2007-2009 biennium need to be submitted by June 30.

HUBB UPDATE

Cheryl Willcoxon reported:

- HUBB's May 2009 invoice to DHS for HCW insurance premiums totaled \$2,733,015.67 including adjustments.
- HUBB Enrollment Statistics. There were 176 new medical/dental enrollments in May. 125 HCWs lost medical/dental coverage in May. Total medical enrollment reached 4,146 as of May 1, the highest since enrollment began.
- HUBB Insurance Premium Summary. The total insurance premiums billed (to State/FHIAP/Self-pay HCW) totaled \$2,803,464.52 in May.
- Customer Service Summary. HUBB received 549 phone calls in May.

STEPS UPDATE

Joan Claypool reported:

- 85 new participants were trained on the STEPS Program in March.
- 1,378 new participants have been trained in the STEPS program since the project started.
- STEPS trainings for Coos and Curry counties did not happen as expected. The CIL serving those counties terminated their contract, so HASL (Grants Pass) stepped up and is providing information and services in those counties.
- Joan visited EOCIL in Eastern Oregon and SPD in Dallas and Woodburn.
- Joan reported that one consumer called as a result of viewing the STEPS video and asked for training. They are in the process of asking DHS's webmaster to include the video on the STEPS website. A STEPS video was distributed to each CIL who were asked to take it to their local community TV station and request that it be aired.

REGISTRY UPDATE

Cheryl Sanders presented a Registry report for May 2009:

- 11,350 HCWs were approved to work, career, and complete in May 2009.
- 2,732 HCWs were approved, career, complete, and available for referral in the RRS.
- 1,164 unduplicated employers/anonymous users requested referrals from the RRS.

- 247,939 HCW referrals were provided to consumers in May.
- 3,828 unduplicated HCWs were referred for work.
- Areas/counties not accepting new HCW applications include Bend/Redmond, Jackson/Josephine, Klamath, Multnomah, and Washington.
- 565 phone calls were received by the Registry Department in May; 509 of them were from HCWs.
- Downloading information from OA continues to be a problem.
- New process for downloading developed by Brewer Consulting is not working efficiently; they are making adjustments.

TRAINING UPDATE

Leslie Houston reported:

- 54 trainings were held in May.
- 60 trainings are scheduled for June, a record number for any one month.
- Southwest Oregon Community College in Coos Bay received a Metlife grant to develop caregiver training. Nineteen graduating nurses (three in a group) were selected to develop one hour medical topic trainings for the OHCC. Leslie viewed the trainings and was quite impressed with their efforts. All of the trainings will be shipped to Leslie so that she can determine which trainings can be used in the Commission's training program.

Lindsay Nakaishi, OHSU, reported on the Committee's progress on PVAC (Preventing Violence Against Caregivers). The Committee is finishing up interviews with focus groups and will talk next with case managers, consumer/employers, and advocates.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION UPDATE

Kelly Rosenau reported the following for April:

- 15 new workers' compensation claims were filed.
- Lifting/transferring was foremost on the list of injury types.
- The back was the most injured body part.
- Seven claims were accepted in April; two claims were denied; 11 claims were closed.
- There are 160 active claims

OTHER

Leslie Houston reported that she had been contacted by Ryan Olson of OHSU's Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology (CROET). Ryan was asking the Commission for a letter of support to secure funding to study the health and safety of in-home care workers that will be monitored with the use of palm-held computers distributed to workers during the study. **Motion** was made by Patty Brost that the Commission send a letter of support to CROET.

Seconded by Sharon Ely. **Approved**. Scott Lay abstained from voting on this motion as he didn't feel that 1) there was enough information on which to base a vote and 2) what would the benefit be to the consumer and/or Commission. Cheryl Sanders will send Scott more information on the study.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

During May, Cheryl Sanders attended and/or participated in:

- Senate Bill 702 meetings and hearings.
- HCW bargaining preparation and bargaining meetings.
- SPD Legislative weekly and stakeholder meetings.
- SAIF conference calls and policy meeting.
- OHCC staff meeting.
- Meeting with Jeanette Burket.
- Contact with Becky Capoferri and SEIU regarding HCW grievances and other issues.
- Flier was mailed to all HCWs recommending steps to be prepared for the swine-origin influenza virus, measures to help prevent the spread of germs, guidance for people caring for a sick person, and resources with up-to-date information about influenza.
- Lifespan Respite Conference.
- OHCC budget update meeting.

SENATE BILL 702

Cheryl Sanders reported that Senate Bill 702 is not moving; a number of changes were made to the bill from the original form; and there are no additional hearings set at this time.

ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

NEXT MEETING

By consensus, the Commission agreed that no Commission meeting will be held in July; the next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2009, 10:00 am, 676 Church Street NE, Salem, OR.

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Oregon Home Care Commission Meeting Minutes, May 7, 2009
- Home Care Commission Services & Supplies Breakout, Actual Expenditures through April 30, 2009
- 2007-2009 Home Care Commission Budget to Actual Report, July 1, 2007 through April 30, 2009
- HUBB's May 5, 2009, Invoice to DHS for HCW insurance premiums
- HUBB Enrollment Statistics
- HUBB Insurance Premium Summary
- HUBB Phone Tally Totals
- STEPS Consumer/Employer Training Statistical Report, March 2009
- STEPS Consumer/Employer Training Statistical Report, Project to Date, March 2009
- New STEPS Participants Trained
- STEPS Project Report to Home Care Commission, June 2009
- Registry Trainings, May 2009
- Registry & Referral System Report, May 2009
- Workers' Compensation Report, April 2009
- Letter to homecare workers regarding the swine-origin influenza virus