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## Board of Directors

*Tom Mann*

◆ Hope you are all enjoying this wonderful summer. If nothing else, the weather is a welcome distraction from the pressures of change faced by home care in Michigan and the nation. There is no more important time than now to belong to the Michigan Association for Home Care, the leader in Michigan in promoting best practices in home care. ◆ Congratulations, Deborah (Debbie/Deb) Holman of Genesys Enterprises. The votes are in and the voting members officially affirmed her nomination as the new President-elect. It is the tradition of the Michigan Association for Home Care to vote on this office because next year by virtue of being elected to President-elect, Deb automatically succeeds to the Board President position. She now serves as a member of the Executive Board, working with me and other Board members to prepare for her year as President serving June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2015. Deborah Holman has served the Association for several years, most notably as the Education Committee Chair. ◆ Other newly appointed executive board officers are: Secretary, Julie Johnson – Detroit Oxygen and Supply; Treasurer, Don Gillespie – Lakeland Home Care, and Immediate Past President, Jill Roby-Snyder. I am confident in the leadership represented by the new officers and full Board of Directors as we position the association through implementation of the Affordable Care Act and other challenges facing our industry. ◆ I look forward to serving as your Board President this fiscal year. Our experience has shown that we are strongest when all of our providers---home health, hospice, private duty, home medical equipment, and pharmacy-infusion---stand together to face changes or threats to any segment of our home care industry. It is very important for you to remain involved in Michigan Home Care. Participation in your service line committee can be essential to the success of your business. If you are looking to become more involved, know that there is a place for you. ◆ I hope you enjoy reading

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## IV/Infection Control

**Deb Opalewski**

◆ The Infection Control/IV Subcommittee last met on June 20th. The group has finally completed the review and revision of Michigan Association for Home Care IV Policy and Procedure Manual. We are now working on the format, content page, addendum inclusions, and references. We are targeting our July or August meeting to have everything ready to give to Mary for typing. This has been a long and arduous project, but we believe it will be extremely valuable to our members when caring for patients receiving infusion therapy. If you have questions for the committee to address or would like to join, please contact the Michigan Association for Home Care office. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2013.

## Private Duty

*Sheila Doeden & Tom Rowley*

◆ Michigan Association for Home Care's Private Duty Committee met June 18, 2013 via teleconference. ◆ In the State of MI the companionship exemption is not in effect for Live-in caregivers and the Federal Government has not passed removal of the exemption at the Federal level. If the companionship exemption were restored in Michigan, the State feels it could be a source of revenue. Michigan Home Care along with other groups continue to work together to define what a Live-in caregiver is. ◆ Licensure in the State of MI for Private Duty continues to be discussed at the State level. ◆ Medicaid expansion in Michigan is supported at the state level which means no cost to the State for 3 years as Federal funds are guaranteed for that period of time. After the 3 years, the Federal government would issue 90% and the State would be responsible for 10%. There is some concern in the Senate about what would happen if the Federal Government decided to pull out. The Medicaid Advisory Council comprised of Medicaid Directors from each state will talk about the expansion but no discussion about any rate increases for re-imburement. Michigan Home Care continues to support those increases and will continue to work with the Medicaid Advisory Council toward that goal. ◆ Competitive bidding amongst DME companies in South East Michigan will limit access to equipment, shortages in diabetic testing supplies and was implemented as of July 1, 2013. Because there are a limited number of companies that now can manufacture and the bid rates being so low on supplies there may be shortages for certain things.

## Regulatory

*Jean Pattee & Valerie Ghattas*

◆ The Regulatory Committee met on June 13, 2013. We are working on: 1. Medicaid F2F – will be required for ALL Medicaid patients with a SOC 7/1/13 or later. Applies to traditional and managed care Medicaid patients; Medicaid pending as well as those patients on spend down. Does not apply to waiver at this point in time. 2. ICD-10 preparation – this has been an on-going topic for this group. Suggestion is to begin dual coding in April 2014 so as to work out as many process issues as possible before it is required in August 2014. OASIS C-1 has not been released as of this date, so we are unable to assess its impact on ICD-10 preparations. Agencies are encouraged to prepare for education regarding ICD-10 in general and implement the

homecare specific piece when those instructions are released from CMS sometime this summer. 3. CMS' proposes to revise provider enrollment requirements. Of concern is the third paragraph under Considerations for Comments. Under consideration is a provision that would expand the revocation of Medicare billing privileges if a provider or supplier has a pattern or practice of billing for services that do not meet Medicare requirements and/or a pattern of inaccurate claims submissions. Concern is that these items are not defined and what are the parameters that will be set. Comment period ends on 6/28/13. ◆ Next meeting will be immediately after the Clinical Ops meeting on August 15. There will not be a meeting in July.

## PAC

*Larry Treece*

◆ We continue to monitor No Fault issues, Medicaid Expansion, Licensure ...we expect possible movement on these issues during the next few months. I will be meeting with my Representative, Republican Jon Bumstead this week to get a good look at what's going on and what's going off. One thing for sure is this Governor wants to get things moving...but does he have the VOTES!!...thanks for support of the PAC.

## Reimbursement

*Chris Kisell & Amy Gil*

◆ The Reimbursement Committee met on June 19th, 2013. Please join us for the next meeting by teleconference at 9:30 on July 17<sup>th</sup>. The Reimbursement Committee met on June 19th, 2013. Please join us for the next meeting by teleconference at 9:30 on July 17<sup>th</sup>. ◆ Benchmarking results were distributed at the committee meeting. ◆ The Committee discussed the 2% Sequestration and the Accountable Care Act and the possible insurance requirements for employees along with new requirements for billing beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> for Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans. ◆ **Reimbursement now has its own ListServ!!** Please email Cindy Thelen [cindyth@homecareMI.org](mailto:cindyth@homecareMI.org) at the Michigan Home Care office if you are interested in participating in this ListServ. There is also a Billing ListServ that you can participate in. ◆ Healthcare and reimbursement are in a time of change, we urge agencies to join us to stay informed. If you have questions or topics, please send them to Amy or I and we'll get them on the agenda. Let's share the knowledge and work together to solve our issues. If you would like more

information I can be reached by email at

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Chris Kisell, Chair of Reimbursement Committee. Amy Gil, Co-chair can be reached by e-mail at [Agil@uhhs.org](mailto:Agil@uhhs.org) or by phone at (734) 981-8820.

## Education

*Deb Holman*

◆ The Education Committee is accepting [Call for Presentations](#) for next year's conference to be held May 14-16, 2014. Presentations need to be into the Michigan Home Care office by August 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year's theme is "There's No Place Like Home" and will focus on positioning your organization for all of today's tornados and witches in healthcare. It will be important that individuals from your organization "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" and attend the conference and get involved in the association. The Committee will begin identifying topics and speakers at their July meeting. If you are interested in participating in the committee, please contact [cindy@homecaremi.org](mailto:cindy@homecaremi.org). ◆ Mark your Calendars! Michigan Home Care will be holding an ICD-9 Coding Class September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and an ICD-10 Coding Class on September 25<sup>th</sup>. This ICD-10 class is for any healthcare organization that does coding and will be switching to ICD-10 in 2014. An opportunity to sit for the coding exam will be offered for the 26<sup>th</sup> of September as well. Registration material will be available in the next couple of weeks. ◆ We will also be holding an OASIS workshop on November 6-7, 2013 with the OASIS exam being held November 8<sup>th</sup>. ◆ The Committee is looking for ideas and topics that you would like to be educated on. Please let the Michigan Home Care Office know if you have ideas.

## Ethics

*Sue Clemen-Stone*

◆ Input is being requested from all committees regarding topics for 2014 Annual Conference sessions on Ethics. A onetime meeting will be held on 9/16/2013 at the Michigan Home Care office from 1pm to 3pm. Appreciate and welcome input. As always, we welcome new members or those who would like to attend a meeting. Contact the Michigan Home Care office for a schedule.

## Clinical Operations

*Sara Simonds*

◆ Executive Directors report –reported on the Annual Conference held last month. More national speakers presented than at any other conference. Mary St. Pierre of NAHC has announced her retirement. She has been with NAHC for more than 20 years and working in Homecare for more than 45. We wish her well. Barry shared a draft letter that has been developed within the Council of States which will be sent to Congress in hopes of obtaining supporting signatures before being sent on to CMS regarding the unnecessary regulatory burden that the F2F encounter requirement has put on the certified homecare. ◆ Reports: NGS –meeting was 6/14/13. Sara Simonds will report at next Clinical Ops meeting. MDLARA – no confirmed meeting date. Potential was there for meeting in June, however, with changes in the agency, that date may be postponed. BCBSM – No report since our last meeting. Regulatory/QI – Work continues on ICD-10 preparation, Medicaid F2F issues. The Intermediary CGS has published information on widespread edits they are implementing for F2F requirements. We will continue to watch for this potentially to spread to NGS. Education Committee – Wrapping up the Annual Conference information and gathering evaluations. ◆ Subcommittees: IV/Infection Control – work is almost complete on the revised IV therapy manual. Psych – no report. Committee is in recess until issues arise. Rehab – no report. Some issues continue to be active for rehab personnel, such as licensure for SLP, licensure changes potentially for OT's, therapy documentation and threshold issues, etc. Any and all interested persons are encouraged to attend Clinical Ops/Rehab Subcommittee. Please call the Michigan Homecare office for more information and meeting times. MPRO – report on Care Transitions conference held last month. There are some communities in Michigan that are implementing formal Care Transitions programs. Generally these are being run through the Area Agency on Aging offices. Katie Brown of MPRO is available for questions. ◆ Sharing: Survey reports – One agency had multiple CHAP surveys happen at their various sites simultaneously. The surveyors seemed to make fewer home visits than in the past. Issues – too many choices on HHA plan of care; infection control/bag technique; physician orders not back within 30 days. BCBS Audit – one agency

reported they have had a BCBS audit – had to mail in 31 charts. No response back yet. ♦ No July meeting. Next meeting will be August 15, 2013 at 9:30. Please join us!

## Membership

*Tom Mann*

♦ We continue to move forward with our branding campaign, with the next step in the process to improve our website and its functionality. The Membership Committee will be meeting in June to continue our efforts of improving value to our membership. If you are interested in being part of this process and participating on the Membership Committee please contact the Michigan Home Care office or e-mail [cindy@homecareMI.org](mailto:cindy@homecareMI.org) for information.

## HME/Infusion

*Julie Johnson & Brian Griffore*

♦ Round 2 of the Medicare Competitive Bid program started July 1<sup>st</sup>. As reported in the July 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of HME News: "WASHINGTON – Reps. Glenn Thompson, R-Pa., and Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, have introduced a bill to delay the implementation of Round 2 of competitive bidding, according to The VGM Group. [H.R. 2375](#), the "Transparency Accountability in Medicare Bidding Act of 2013," would delay the implementation of Round 2, scheduled to go live July 1, until Dec. 31, 2013. It would also delay the Round 1 re-compete, set for Jan. 1, 2014, until six months after Round 2 starts. During the delay, the bill calls for the Secretary of Health and Human Services to contract three auction experts, a health economist and an econometrician to work as a team to independently review and assess all aspects of Round 1 and Round 2, including the program's design, development, implementation, market fairness and sustainability." ♦ Other news – CMS announced earlier this month that it will delay the July 1st face-to-face requirement mandated by the Affordable Care Act to allow time for providers to "establish operational protocols necessary to comply with this new law." October 1<sup>st</sup> is the new effective date of the F2F requirement.

## Public Policy

*Linda Rutman & John Ruswinkel*

♦ The next Public Policy Committee teleconference will be Friday, August 2, at 10:00 am. Please join us.

## Links of Interest

[The Aide's Role in Infection Prevention and Control](#) - July 11, 2013

[ICD-10 Coding: Injury, Poisoning & other Consequences of External Causes; Causes of Morbidity](#) - July 10, 2013

[The Aide's Role in Understanding Home Health COP's](#) - August 8, 2013

[The Aide's Role in Safety in Food Handling and Preparation](#) – September 12, 2013

[The Aide's Role in Conflict Resolution](#) – October 10, 2013

ICD-9 Coding Workshop – September 23-24, 2013 – More information and registration coming soon

ICD-10 Coding Workshop – September 25, 2013 – More information and registration coming soon

OASIS Workshop – November 6-7, 2013 – More information and registration coming soon

*MDCH Questions Needed*

<http://m360.mhha.org/admin/forms/ViewForm.aspx?id=28910>

*NGS Questions Needed*

<http://m360.mhha.org/admin/forms/ViewForm.aspx?id=28911>

*BCBS Call for Questions*

<http://m360.mhha.org/admin/forms/ViewForm.aspx?id=28912>

Additional Events

<https://m360.mhha.org/ViewCalendar.aspx>

## Committee Calendar

[Hospice Committee Meeting](#) - No July Meeting, Next Meeting is August 7th

[HME Committee](#) – July 15, 2013

[Membership/Finance Committee](#) – July 17, 2013

[Private Duty Committee](#) – July 16, 2013

[Reimbursement Committee](#) – July 17, 2013

Clinical Operations Committee Meeting – No July Meeting. Next meeting is August 15th

[Certified Billers Meeting](#) – July 25, 2013

Regulatory Committee – No July Meeting, Next meeting is August 15th

[Public Policy Committee](#) – August 2, 2013

[Education Committee](#) – July 23, 2013

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