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## Board of Directors

*Tom Mann*

◆ Welcome to the new 2013 – 2014 Michigan Home Care Annual Year. This is my first Bulletin Board column as your incoming President and I begin by thanking Jill Roby-Snyder, whose term as president I now follow. Her leadership was instrumental in a long list of Michigan Home Care accomplishments over the past two years. These accomplishments were documented and released at the Annual Conference last month and you can review the list on the Michigan Home Care Website homepage at [www.HomeCareMI.org](http://www.HomeCareMI.org). I look forward to building upon our association's long-standing relationships and growing new ones over the next year. ◆ My background consists of working at the University of Michigan Health System for nearly 20 years (8 years with Home Care Services), where I am currently the Director of Michigan Visiting Nurses (certified home care) and Michigan Visiting Care (private duty home care). I have been involved with Michigan Home Care for last 7 years where I have co-chaired the Private Duty Committee, chaired the Membership Committee, and have been on the Board of Directors since 2010. ◆ Of particular interest to me this year will be following through on the Boards priority to upgrade our website and membership database. The staff will be working on that project this summer with the goal of unveiling a new website by October 1. ◆ This year marks the 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Year for the Michigan Association for Home Care and new Brand "Michigan Home Care. While the name may have changed, our mission to represent all segments of the home care industry remains as it has for all 32 years. 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 against threats to any part of our home care industry. And so my leadership focus this year will be to support a strong unified response to the opportunities and challenges that face our members. In that effort, it is very important for all of us to remain involved in Michigan Home Care affairs. ◆ Wow! What a great Annual Conference last month

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in Traverse City. Attendance was up this year and we had five national speakers including Jim Mathis, Kathleen Griffin, Bill Dombi, Teepa Snow and Mark Higley. The list of expert presenters was unprecedented for Michigan Home Care. Other highlights from the conference was recognition of standout individuals and agencies at the Awards Luncheon held at the Annual Conference including: Our 2013 Spirit of Caring Award was presented to Shirley Henley, RN,BS, Specialist Nurse for Optimal Care, Inc. The Michigan Home Care / Kitch, Drutchas, Wagner, Valitutti & Sherbrook Allied Health \$2000 Scholarship was awarded to Nigelle Hatch, LPN of Great Lakes Caring. Wellsbrooke Premium Home Health Care was recognized as the Michigan Home Care member organization with the highest usage and Cheryl Nagel, Administrator of Wellsbrooke Premium Home Health Care represented her agency to accept the award. Congratulations to attendees, committee leaders and award winners. **Mark your calendars for May 14 – 16 for the 2014 Michigan Home Care Annual Conference.** Anyone interested in helping plan the Conference next year should contact Debbie Holman or Cindy Thelen [CindyT@HomeCareMI.org](mailto:CindyT@HomeCareMI.org). ◆ Participation in your service line and other committees can be essential to the success of your business, so if you are not already involved, please know you are invited and encouraged to take full advantage of your Michigan Home Care membership by becoming involved. This Bulletin will provide you with updated information on activities of your association. For Committee or event notices or to register for education programs, visit the Michigan Home Care Events Page at [HomeCareMI.org](http://HomeCareMI.org) or contact Michigan Home Care Administrative Assistant Mary Pfeiffer at 517 349-8089 X10 or [MaryP@HomeCareMI.org](mailto:MaryP@HomeCareMI.org). Take advantage of your membership and get involved today.

## Private Duty

*Sheila Doeden & Tom Rowley*

- ◆ Tom Rowley of Home Instead joins with Sheila Doeden of Senior Helpers to Co-Chair the Michigan Home Care Private Duty Committee. Tom effectively represented Private Duty on the Education Committee and helped craft a terrific private duty curriculum at the Annual Conference. ◆ There was a strong private duty program provided at the Conference with Teepa Snow, Kathleen Griffin and Bill Dombi. Next year's conference is May 14 – 16, at the Grand Traverse Resort. Anyone interested in planning next year's program is invited to participate as a member of the Education Committee. Contact Cindy Thelen [cindyT@HomeCareMi.org](mailto:cindyT@HomeCareMi.org) if you have questions or wish to be on the Committee. ◆ The Private Duty Committee met on May 23, at the Annual Conference in Traverse City. Issues discussed include federal and state discussion on restoring the Companionship Exemption. The Federal regulation to eliminate the Companionship Exemption was proposed in November 2011 and has not passed yet. This may create an opportunity for the state of Michigan to restore companionship. Michigan Home Care continues to oppose legislation to reform auto no-fault and so far we have been able to prevent passage of damaging amendments to our auto no-fault system. Michigan Home Care is a member of the Coalition to Protect Auto No-Fault (CPAN), a group of health care provider organizations including the Michigan Hospital Association, Michigan Brain Injury Association and 40 others. The Coalition is being very effective in our advocacy to protect auto no-fault. ◆ The home care licensure bill (SB 71) will likely have workgroup meetings this summer with possible action in the Fall.
- ◆ The next Private Duty Committee meeting is June 18, at 12:30 PM.

## Regulatory

*Jean Pattee & Valerie Ghattas*

- ◆ Our last meeting was held in April. The Committee worked on a response to the Medicaid request for face to face documentation and all that it would entail with our physicians and the proposed date to begin this request. ◆ In May, the committee did not meet due to the Annual Conference. ◆ The next meeting will be June 13, 2013, immediately following the Certified meeting. Please join this committee as it looks at the most current and pressing regulatory items. Hope to see you there.

## IV/Infection Control

*Deb Opalewski*

- ◆ The Infection Control/IV Subcommittee last met on April 18<sup>th</sup> in Clinton Township. The group is very close to completing the revision of the Michigan Home Care IV Policy and Procedure book to compliment the Intravenous Nursing Society (INS) policies and procedures, and the INS standards of practice. If you have questions for the committee to address or would like to join please contact the Michigan Home Care office. The next meeting is TBD due to the change in the meeting date for the Clinical Operations Committee date for June. Contact Deb or Mary Pfeiffer ([maryp@homecaremi.org](mailto:maryp@homecaremi.org)) for an update on the meeting dates and times.

## PAC

*Larry Treece*

- ◆ Greetings to all PAC supporters. What a great Annual Conference and a chance to see many friends. I thought that the exhibit hall this year was buzzing with lots of activities, good food and plenty of info. We are always happy to raise money for the cause of Michigan Association for Home Care. Thanks to my staff and Kelley Kendall who keep things interesting and help put the auction together.. I have spoken to Barry already about next year as well as how to effectively spend our funds on the ISSUES. The following people were donors at this year's Silent Auction: Aaron Boatin, Abby Green, Amelia Pascual, Amy Albertson, Angela Truman, Barry Cargill, Beth Koop, Brian Griffiore, Cheryl Ondarko, Cindy Folk, Cindy Thelen, Coleen Murphy- Deorsey, Cynthia Busscher, Donald Gillespie, Harold Davis Irma Brownley, James Shurlow, Janet Martinich, Jill Roby-Snyder, Julie Aukett, Kelly Kendall, Kim Jenks, Lance Treece Larry Treece, Linda Ambrose, Lori Davis, Lynn Richardson Manawar Javed, Mark Higley, Mary Ellen Spradlin, Mary Jo Kiley, Mary Pfeiffer, Mike Koop, Nancy Frens, Pam Wozniak Pat Tolsma, Penny Englerth, Penny Sherwood, Roselyn Argyle, Sarah Blackstock, Shari Wilson, Sharon Smith, Steve Slater, Susan Decker, Susan Peter, Syed Akhtar Tina Lamont, Tom Mann, Tom Rowley, Tracy Treece Vicki Watkins, Vicki Gelderloos, Victoria Fabbo, and William Dombi...thanks for the support and a few laughs. I will work with Barry this year to get the Board up to speed on the issues and budget.

## Public Policy

*Linda Rutman & John Ruswinkel*

- ◆ The next Public Policy Committee teleconference will be Friday, June 7, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.. Hope you can participate.

## Reimbursement

*Chris Kisell & Amy Gil*

◆ The Reimbursement Committee met on April 17th, 2013. Please join us for the next meeting onsite at 9:30 on June 19<sup>th</sup>.  
◆ It's Benchmark Time!!! Results will be distributed at the committee meeting. ◆ The Committee will discuss the 2% Sequestration and the Accountable Care Act and the possible insurance requirements for employees. We will also discuss many other issues related to reimbursement and beyond. ◆ **Reimbursement now has its own ListServ!!** Please email Cindy Thelen [cindyth@homcaremi.org](mailto:cindyth@homcaremi.org) at 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 us 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 we can be reached by email at [CKisell@Crittentonhc.com](mailto:CKisell@Crittentonhc.com) or by phone at (248)-656-6757. 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 just finished up with a terrific Annual Conference May 22-24, 2013. The Committee will be back to work the end of June with reviewing the evaluation and comments for this year's conference and beginning to plan for next year's Conference that will be held May 14-16, 2014. The Committee will be looking for a theme, breakout sessions and keynote presentation ideas. If you are interested in participating in the committee, please contact [cindyth@homecaremi.org](mailto:cindyth@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>. An opportunity to sit for the coding exam will be offered for the 26<sup>th</sup> of September as well. ◆ 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.

## Clinical Operations

*Sara Simonds*

◆ The Clinical Ops Committee did not meet in May due to the Annual Conference. ◆ BCBSM update – nothing new since the April meeting. ◆ NGS – next meeting will be on June 14 in Chicago. Any questions or issues should be forwarded to the Michigan Home Care office prior to June 7 if possible. We will also collect any outstanding issues at the meeting on June 13. ◆ Regulatory Committee continues to work on ICD-10 readiness. ◆ Medicaid implementation of F2F requirements is still pending. There has not yet been an issuance of a revised bulletin. The Committee will continue to follow this issue. ◆ Subcommittees: The IV policy and procedure manual work is almost complete. This informative resource will be available through the Michigan Home Care office. Psych – no active issues. Rehab Subcommittee – no active issues as of this date. ◆ **\*\*\*Due to scheduling conflicts and meeting space availability, the June Clinical Ops Committee Meeting (as well as subcommittees - Regulatory, IV therapy/Infection Control, etc.) will be moved forward a week to June 13\*\*\* Please update your calendars and we look forward to seeing you then.**

## Membership

*Tom Mann*

◆ The Annual Conference was a huge success with our new logo leading the way! 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 [cindyth@homecaremi.org](mailto:cindyth@homecaremi.org) for information.

## Ethics

*Sue Clemen-Stone*

◆ Thanks to all who attended Dr. Lenard Weber's ethics presentations at the 2013 Annual Conference. Please forward suggestions for next year's conference to the Michigan Home Care Office, Attn: Ethics Committee.

## Links of Interest

[Hospice Education: Depression in the Hospice Patient and Family](#) – June 11, 2013

[ICD-10 Coding: Musculoskeletal System Diseases; Symptoms, Signs & Abnormal Clinical/Lab Findings](#) – June 12, 2013

[The Aide's Role in Understanding Skin, Hair and Nail Conditions](#) – June 13, 2013

[2013 Legal Summit Teleconference - Personnel Policies/Employment Handbooks](#) – June 20, 2013

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

[HME Committee](#) – June 17, 2013

[Private Duty Teleconference](#) – June 18, 2013

[Reimbursement Committee Teleconference](#) – June 19, 2013

[Clinical Operations Committee Meeting](#) – June 13, 2013

[Board of Directors Meeting](#) – June 20, 2013

[Regulatory Committee](#) – June 13, 2013

[Public Policy Committee](#) – June 7, 2013

[Ethics Committee](#) – June 20, 2013

[Education Committee](#) - June 25, 2013

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