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### Board of Directors

Jill Roby-Snyder

◆ It is with great excitement that on April 11, the Michigan Home Health Association becomes the **Michigan Association for Home Care**. In response to input from our members and strategic deliberations by the Board of Directors and the Membership Committee, the name change is only two days away. The new name demonstrates equal representation of all segments of our membership, including certified home health, home medical equipment, hospice, private duty and pharmacy infusion. As the needs of our patient population demand more and diverse care services, our Association and you, our members, have heeded the call to continually provide exceptional value and excellent service. The new name will improve MHHA's public policy influence at the state and national level as the premier organization representing all segments of home care in Michigan. Along with our new name, we have updated our logo, collateral materials and are in initial stages of upgrading our website. If you have any questions or thoughts, please do not hesitate to contact me, President-elect, Tom Mann or our Executive Director, Barry Cargill.

Say hello to the new



MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION FOR  
**Home Care**

Formerly the Michigan Home Health Association (MHHA)

◆ www.HomeCareMI.org will be our new web domain address. You will receive your first email communication from the new domain address on April 10 when a copy of the press release announcing the name change is shared with the key contact at each member agency. To assure that you and others at your agency continue to receive association communication, please share this news with others in your agency as well as your IT network support staff so that your computer/network spam filters successfully accept the www.HomeCareMI.org domain as a "safe sender". This small step will insure that you and others at your agency continue to receive communications from our association. ◆ MHHA Members participated in the National Association for Homecare and Hospice and The Private Duty Homecare Association "March on Washington". The MHHA delegation included seven members and our Executive Director, Barry Cargill for meeting with

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Senator Stabenow and Michigan Congressional Delegation. They delivered the message for no more Medicare Cuts and No Co-pays. As Congress continues work on the Federal Budget I encourage each member to contact your Congressman to urge support for HOMECARE. Tell them NO More Medicare Cuts and No Co-pays. ◆ State Legislative Day is May 8, 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM at the State Capitol Building. Mark your calendars and check out the Public Policy and PAC Reports in this Bulletin for details. Registration is free and we need you all there. ◆ I look forward to seeing everyone next month at the Michigan Association for Home Care Annual Conference to be held at the Grand Traverse Resort May 22 - 24. The Education Committee has outdone themselves and will be bringing you a valuable conference opportunity. ◆ The Nominating Committee is looking for members interested in running for open Board seats. Contact Nominating Committee Chair, Steve Slater or Barry Cargill if you would like to submit an application for election to the Board. Nominations will be conducted electronically this year with the results announced at the Annual meeting on May 23.

### Regulatory

Jean Pattee & Valerie Ghattas

◆ The Regulatory Committee met on March 21, 2013. We discussed the new HIPPA rule and the impact for Home Health Agencies. The rule has redefined what a breach constitutes and it is recommended that a policy should be in place which defines the investigation and reporting action. Business Associate Agreements should state who is responsible for the reporting and investigation of a breach or disclosure of protected information. The Committee adopted the 2013/2014 Regulatory and Quality Goals. A draft of a training plan for ICD-10 will be presented at the next meeting. The next meeting of the Regulatory Committee will be held on April 18, 2013 immediately following the Clinical Operations meeting.



## Private Duty

Sheila Doeden & Tom Mann

◆ The Private Duty Committee met in Okemos March 19, 2013 and we had participants on the phone as well. Barry was in Washington DC for a series of meetings representing MHHA. We also had Michael Shpiece from Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook present to talk about The Affordable Care Act and its impact on Private Duty. ◆ Executive Director's report included key issues related to Private Duty. The new HR3590 the new Senate Bill that is related to the Affordable Care Act that will provide Healthcare Coverage for nearly all Americans. Employers will now be responsible to provide some level of coverage for their employee's. ◆ The Companionship Exemption remains a top MHHA priority and meetings with the Michigan Congressional Delegation occurred in Washington DC. Among the Michigan delegates, support is split right down the middle between the parties. In discussion with Bill Dombi at The Private Duty Homecare Association, he is working with the state association executives to co-sponsor a bill to keep the Federal Companionship Exemption in place. ◆ Michael Shpiece spoke to the group about what is included in Federal Health Care Reform. More specifically, what it means for employers who will be required to provide health care coverage for their employees. ◆ Upcoming events include the Legislative Day May 8, in Lansing at the Capitol 10:30-1:30 MHHA members gather for orientation in the Room 402 & 403 of the Capitol Building. 11:00 A.M. Lunch (provided by MHHA) with Legislators, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor North Wing of the Capitol. 1:30 P.M. This is an opportunity to meet with your legislators and educate them about home care. ◆ The Annual Conference will be held May 22-24 at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa in Traverse City and technology is the theme.

## IV/Infection Control

Deb Opalewski & Rachel Aultman

◆ The Infection Control/IV subcommittee last met on March 21st. The group continues to work on revising the MHHA IV policy and procedure book to compliment the Intravenous Nursing Society (INS) standards of practice. If you have questions for the committee to address or would like to join please contact the MHHA office. The next meeting will be on April 18, 2013, directly following the Clinical Ops meeting.

## Education

Deb Holman

◆ Registration materials are now available for the 2013 MHHA Annual Conference. Get your registration in early to save money on your registration. Standard Rate Deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup> and the deadline to make your overnight reservations is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. ◆ MHHA partnered with Axxess Healthcare on holding an ICD-9 Coding and a Billing Workshop, April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Southfield. ◆ Check the [MHHA Website Calendar of Events Page](#) for registration information for above workshops and additional teleconferences and webinars taking place over the next couple of months.

## Clinical Operations

Donna Kleinschmit & Sara Simonds

◆ The Clinical Operations Committee met on March 21, 2013. Barry gave the Executive Director report. ◆ Questions remain about sequestration and its impact on home health. ◆ NGS update: Nothing new. Next meeting will be in June 2013. ◆ BCBSM - no meetings are scheduled. ◆ Education Committee - continues to work on the Annual Conference. ◆ MDLARA - has added staff. Hospice surveys should be getting current. Restructuring of entire department - new positions and responsibilities; Complaints - more from hospice than homecare. These mostly relate to services that were expected were not provided. ◆ Subcommittees- IV/Infection Control is continuing work on the updated Policy and Procedure manual. Psych Subcommittee has not met recently. Will get together if an issue comes up. ◆ Rehab Subcommittee has not met. Will reconvene as issues arise. ◆ New business/Sharing- Sequestration - uncertainty remains re: "final bills" for patients discharged after 3/31/13. Will this mean for all payment episodes for patients discharged (even if they have been on service for years) or for final for payment episodes that end after 3/31/13? Survey reports - One agency had a Joint Commission survey. Issues with following POC, not documenting physician notification of missed visits. An agency had a CHAP survey - surveyor arrived late on Monday. Came afternoon every day. No requirements for improvement. Chris Garfield shared information on the M&E class action suit just settled (no "improvement" standard required for home health services). Some agencies waiting for CMS guidance, some going forward.

## HME Report

Brian Griffore & Julie Johnson

◆ The HME Committee continues in its efforts to support all HME supplier members in the quest for survival in the Round 2 competitive bid climate. ◆ We look forward to seeing our other MHHA friends at Legislative Day at the State Capital Building on May 8<sup>th</sup>, as well as at the Annual Conference May 22<sup>nd</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>.



## Membership

Tom Mann

◆ MHHA Membership Committee continues to move the new MHHA branding campaign along. They will be looking at website formatting/updates and platforms to convey our new brand. If you are interested in joining this Committee please contact the MHHA office or e-mail [Thelen.cindy@mhha.org](mailto:Thelen.cindy@mhha.org).



## Accreditation Commission for Health Care - New MHHA Member Discount Program

Mention you are a MHHA member and give them your membership number.

## Public Policy

Linda Rutman & John Ruswinkel

◆ May 8 - State Legislative Day. State Capitol Building 10:30 am - 1:30 pm. Put the date on your calendar and join with us for this important event. To register or for more information, go to <https://m360.mhha.org/event.aspx?eventID=76082&instance=0>. Come tell your legislators you support Expanding Medicaid, fixing the companionship exemption, Michigan's Dual Eligibles Program, POST for end of life treatment. Tell them you oppose damaging amendments to the Michigan Auto No-Fault Personal Injury Protection, elimination of the Auto Catastrophic Claims Fund, Fee schedules Home Care. Come join the fun for this very important interaction with our elected state leaders. ◆ The MHHA Public Policy Committee meets the first Friday of each month at 10:00 AM. You can add your email to the Committee notice list simply by notifying the MHHA office at [Pfeiffer.mary@mhha.org](mailto:Pfeiffer.mary@mhha.org)

## Nominating Committee

Steve Slater

◆ The Nominating Committee is accepting applications for appointments to the MHHA Board of Directors for all membership segments. If you would like a Nomination Form, contact the MHHA offices at [Pfeiffer.mary@mhha.org](mailto:Pfeiffer.mary@mhha.org) for a copy.



## MHHA Newsletter Links of Interest

[Hospice Education: Finding the Right Words for the Dying Patient](#) - April 9, 2013

[ICD-10 Coding: Diseases of the Nervous System and the Digestive System](#) - April 10, 2013

[MHHA Legislative Day](#) - May 8, 2013

[ICD-10 Coding: Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue; Diseases of the Genitourinary System](#) - May 8, 2013

[The Aide's Role in Maintaining Professional Boundaries](#) - May 9, 2013

[Hospice Education: What to Expect When a Patient is Actively Dying](#) - May 14, 2013

[2013 Legal Summit Teleconference - Labor Laws for Non-Union Agencies](#) - May 16, 2013

[MHHA Annual Conference](#) - May 22-24, 2013

*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>

## MHHA Committee Calendar

[Hospice Committee Meeting](#) - May 1, 2013

[HME Committee Teleconference](#) - April 15, 2013

[Private Duty Committee Teleconference](#) - April 16, 2013

[Reimbursement Committee Teleconference](#) - April 17, 2013

[Clinical Operations Committee Meeting](#) - April 18, 2013

[Regulatory Committee](#) - April 18, 2013

[IV/Infection Control](#) - April 18, 2013

[Ethics Committee](#) - April 15, 2013

[Billers Subcommittee](#) - April 25, 2013

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