HCAW Board Packet

July 15, 2021

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HCAW July 2021 Board Meeting Agenda

Our Vision: We are inspired to position homecare services as a leader in healthcare in Washington State.

Date: 07/15/21		**Time:** 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	**Location:** GoTo Meeting	
TIME	**TOPIC**	**DISCUSSION**	**ACTION PLAN**	**RESPONSIBLE**
10:00 a.m.	Call to Order	Welcome/Updates • New Executive Director – Carissa Linnane • Consent Agenda: June 17, 2021 Minutes June Financial reports	Acceptance	Rachel/All
10:05 a.m.	Financial	• Discussion of draft 2021-2022 FY Budget	Acceptance	Brent / All
10:20 a.m.	Legislative Updates	• Public Policy Report • Clinical Director Report	Review and Questions	Leslie/Donna/All
10:25 a.m.	Discussion items	• NAHC – Forum of States: President's Attendance • Strategic Planning Meeting – September • Erica Drury Request	Discussion/Vote	Rachel / Leslie /All
10:35 a.m.	Board Member Additions	• Welcome New Board Members Term: July 1, 2021 (Roster - see Pg. 2)	Discussion	Rachel /All
10:45 a.m.	DEI Committee	• DEI Committee – Welcome Zaneta!		Zaneta
10:55 a.m.	Action Items	• Review of key deliverables/action items/decisions		Rachel
11:00 a.m.	Adjourn	*Our Mission: To promote the long-term growth and sustainability of in-home services in Washington State. HCAW provides leadership for consumers by unifying in-home services providers through public outreach, education, legislative advocacy and supporting practice standards.*		
		NEXT MEETING: Thursday August 19th at 10:00 a.m.		

Healthcare Association of Washington

2021-2022 Board Roster

Company	Name	Title	Term Length	Term	Term Begin	Term End	Term #	Email
OFFICERS								
Providence	Rachel Manchester	President	1 Year	2021-2022	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	2nd Term	Rachel.Manchester@providence.org
Evergreen Health	Brent Korte	President Elect /Treasurer	1 Year	2021-2022	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	1st Term	bmkorte@evergreenhealthcare.org
N/A	N/A	Past President	1 Year	2021-2022	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	1st Term	
DIRECTORS								
Virgina Mason Franciscan Health	Kelly Pajinag	Director	2 Years	2021-2023	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2023	1st Term	kelly.pajinag@multicare.org
Kaiser Home Health	Imee Nebres	Director	2 Years	2021-2023	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2023	1st Term	imee-vi.c.nebres@kp.org
Kindred at Home, Vancouver	Gina Anderson	Director	2 Years	2021-2023	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2023	1st Term	Regina.Anderson@gentiva.com
Sunshine Home Health	Jason Darling	Director	2 Years	2021-2023	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2023	1st Term	jasond@shfi.com
Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital	Amber Hahn-Keenan	Director	2 Years	2021-2023	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2023	1st Term	amberhahnkeenan@yvmh.org
Careforce	Geoff Meinken	Director	2 Years	2021-2023	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2023	2nd Term	geoff@careforce.com
Community Home Health and Hospice	Lisa Shaw	Director	2 Years	2020-2022	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2022	1st Term	lisa.shaw@chhh.org
Peace Health	Debra Strom	Director	2 Years	2020-2022	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2022	1st Term	dstrom@peacehealth.org
Wesley Homes	Melinda Moore	Director	2 Years	2020-2022	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2022	2nd Term	mmoore@wesleyhomes.org
Evergreen Health	Shelly McDiarmid	Ex Officio	1 Year	2021-2022	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	1st Term	smmcdiarmid@evergreenhealthcare.org

President: term is 1 year for a maximum of 2 consecutive terms (2 yrs)
Immediate Past President: term is 1 year for a maximum of 1 term (1 yr)
Directors: term is 2 years for a maximum of 2 consecutive terms (4 yrs)
Ex-Officio*: position not defined; term is currently for 1 year, approved by the Board each year

Board Meeting Teleconference Minutes
Thursday June 17th, 2021
10:00 am-11:00 am

Our Vision: We are inspired to position homecare services as a leader in healthcare in Washington State.

ATTENDANCE

Board: Rachel Manchester, President; Gretchen Anderson, President-elect; Directors Shelly Davidson, Alisa Van Sickle; Lexi Phul, & Geoff Meinken; Brent Korte, Ex-Officio.

Staff: Leslie Emerick, Public Policy Director; Donna Goodwin, Clinical Director; Lianna Collinge, Executive Director pro-tem.
Not in Attendance: Amber Hahn-Keenan, Secretary/Treasurer; Marilou Church, Past President; Melinda Moore, Sheena Paylor, and Tammi Reeser, Directors.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting **called to order** at 10:05 am
May minutes accepted as provided.
President Manchester introduced Lianna Collinge, who announced a **change in ED** effective this week. Carissa Linnane will be taking over. Lianna to provide bio to the Board.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Report:
- Reports reflecting net assets of $351,158.07 provided in advance and not reviewed
- Budget draft for next fiscal year to be provided for discission/approval in July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Nominating**- discussion of lack of knowledge about timing and terms. Lianna to send historical data for confirmation so we can appoint new Board for FY 2021-2022, then provide current list to Leslie for report distributions.
- **DEI-** Board agreed to appoint Zanetta Billyzone as chair, perhaps with another volunteer from the membership or panel at the Annual meeting. To include an article in the July newsletter. Rachel has templated committee goals/structure.
- Board decided to appoint Brent as Chair of a **By Law Review task force** for updates, and ensure we are in line with NAHC new By Laws. Lianna to assist. Rita Darnelle is a volunteer who may help.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Discussion of Home Health **Certificate of Need (CON)** in Washington related to home health care. No updates have been made since 1987. HCAW has asked Dept of Health to review the requirements and allow us to guide the process, and they have accepted. We need data to guide us in recommendation of any changes.

- Marc Berg, Berg Data has proposed a 2-year scope of work for $15,000 to provide data. Discussion of membership focus and thoughts on CON. ACTION: Board members to reflect on CON, ask in their institutions, and bring comments to July Board meeting. Board amenable to having Marc come to the July meeting. Rachel to reach out to Marc to see if he has time to join.

- **Parent Caregivers** – discussion around how we can recruit and identify Private duty nurses/organizations and get their involvement in HCAW leadership. Leslie to find current WA day rate. Colorado model of allowing parents to become CAN's was references. HCAW continues to work with Seattle Children's.

- **Erica Drury –** follow up from April request to weigh in on permanent AFMAP rates instituted during COVID. Board to discuss in July or August, as our Legislative agenda for 2022 needs to be in place by about August 31st.

- Dept of Health is opening the entire **HHC WACs** and waivers for review. ACTION Item: Board members requested to consider which they wish to keep, add, or retire. New will be emergency rules for telehealth.

PUBLIC POLICY REPORT

- No report given, report in the Board packet,

Clinical Director Report

- Donna's notes in the Board packet,

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am

Fiscal Year End 2021 Notes

1	Affiliate and Provider Dues were higher than anticipated. (62% & 12%, respectively)
2	Job Board extremely better than ANY years in the last decade
3	Educational income and expenses reduced due to pandemic
4	Management Expenses drastically reduced due to change in provider
5	Investment income profitable- account grew 48%
6	Prepaid Expenses (Asset) grew due to pandemic delayed events
7	Equity grew a notable 105.6% - $197,054 primarily due to net income, investment income growth, and corrected liability notation

Home Care Association of Washington
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2020 through June 2021

	Jul '20 - Jun 21	Budget	% of Budget	
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
MEMBERSHIP				
Affiliate Dues	3,252.11	2,000.00	162.61%	
Affiliate Sponsor	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%	
Provider Dues	196,984.64	175,000.00	112.56%	
Total MEMBERSHIP	200,236.75	182,000.00	110.02%	
OPERATING				
Job Target/Career Board	1,376.66	250.00	550.66%	
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	100.00	0.0%	
Newsletter Ads/Subscriptions	0.00	100.00	0.0%	
Website Advertising	0.00	200.00	0.0%	
Total OPERATING	1,376.66	650.00	211.79%	
PROGRAMMING				
Annual Meeting/Conv - Spring				
Sponsorships/Endorsements/Rebat	2,700.00	5,000.00	54.0%	
Annual Meeting/Conv - Spring - Other	3,318.33	10,000.00	33.18%	
Total Annual Meeting/Conv - Spring	6,018.33	15,000.00	40.12%	
OCS OASIS Partnership	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%	
Workshops/Seminars	-1,610.00	20,000.00	-8.05%	Prior period incorrectly invoiced, rolled through FY 21
Total PROGRAMMING	4,408.33	36,500.00	12.08%	
Total Income	206,021.74	219,150.00	94.01%	
Gross Profit	206,021.74	219,150.00	94.01%	
Expense				
ADMINISTRATIVE				
Bank / Merchant Fees	1,103.47	500.00	220.69%	
Business License	10.00	10.00	100.0%	
Contingency	0.00	500.00	0.0%	
Insurance	881.68	3,500.00	25.19%	
Management	62,700.00	72,100.00	86.96%	Prev. mgmt reduced invoicing for 3 months
Miscellaneous	1,436.30	100.00	1,436.3%	Moss Adams CPA review fees
Office Supplies	136.35	300.00	45.45%	
Postage	299.75	300.00	99.92%	
Printing/Copies	164.70	400.00	41.18%	
Telephone	141.37	500.00	28.27%	
Total ADMINISTRATIVE	66,873.62	78,210.00	85.51%	
ADVOCACY				
Lobbyist Expenses	629.50	1,750.00	35.97%	
Lobbyist/Legislative Consultant	44,400.00	44,400.00	100.0%	
Policy & Advocacy	750.00	1,500.00	50.0%	
Total ADVOCACY	45,779.50	47,650.00	96.08%	
COMMUNICATIONS				
Website- Reg & Maint	499.00	2,500.00	19.96%	
Total COMMUNICATIONS	499.00	2,500.00	19.96%	
LEADERSHIP				
Board Meetings	0.00	750.00	0.0%	
Strategic Planning	0.00	300.00	0.0%	
Total LEADERSHIP	0.00	1,050.00	0.0%	

Home Care Association of Washington
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2020 through June 2021

	Jul '20 - Jun 21	Budget	% of Budget	
MEMBERSHIP SERVICE/RETENTION				
Clinical Director	22,688.75	30,000.00	75.63%	
Clinical Director Expenses	0.00	500.00	0.0%	
NAHC Dues/Other Memberships	1,500.00	1,500.00	100.0%	
Public Relations/ Awards	455.30	250.00	182.12%	
Total MEMBERSHIP SERVICE/RETENTION	24,644.05	32,250.00	76.42%	
PROGRAMS				
Annual Mtg/Convention Spring				
A/V - Technology	8,350.00	4,000.00	208.75%	High end virtual platforms
Food and Beverage	0.00	15,000.00	0.0%	
Speaker	250.00	4,000.00	6.25%	
Syllabus	0.00	500.00	0.0%	
Total Annual Mtg/Convention Spring	8,600.00	23,500.00	36.6%	
Workshops/Seminar Expense				
A/V-Technology	1,215.00	250.00	486.0%	
Food and Beverage	0.00	2,000.00	0.0%	
Lodging & Transportation	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%	
Other Workshops/Seminar Expense	1,413.00	3,500.00	40.37%	
Speaker	0.00	10,000.00	0.0%	
Syllabus Copies	0.00	2,500.00	0.0%	
Total Workshops/Seminar Expense	2,628.00	19,750.00	13.31%	
Total PROGRAMS	11,228.00	43,250.00	25.96%	
Total Expense	149,024.17	204,910.00	72.73%	
Net Ordinary Income	56,997.57	14,240.00	400.26%	
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Interest & Dividends	2,491.79	750.00	332.24%	
Gain/Loss on Investments	41,054.87	0.00	100.0%	
Total Other Income	43,546.66	750.00	5,806.22%	
Net Other Income	43,546.66	750.00	5,806.22%	
Net Income	100,544.23	14,990.00	670.74%	

Home Care Association of Washington
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of June 30, 2021

	Jun 30, 21	Jun 30, 20	$ Change	% Change	
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Checking/Savings					
Baird Cash and Equivalents	35,509.18	33,485.25	2,023.93	6.04%	
Bairds Investment Assets	126,821.32	85,322.55	41,498.77	48.64%	
Columbia Checking 0944	115,719.26	72,668.61	43,050.65	59.24%	
Columbia Money Mkt #0936	65,691.64	65,675.40	16.24	0.03%	
PAC - Columbia	579.81	0.00	579.81	100.0%	
Paypal	0.00	525.00	-525.00	-100.0%	
Total Checking/Savings	344,321.21	257,676.81	86,644.40	33.63%	
Accounts Receivable					
Accounts Receivable	15,520.00	13,733.34	1,786.66	13.01%	A 3 Members remain unpaid for 2021.
Total Accounts Receivable	15,520.00	13,733.34	1,786.66	13.01%	
Other Current Assets					
Prepaid Annual Meeting Expenses	750.00	0.00	750.00	100.0%	
Prepaid Expenses	7,275.00	4,450.00	2,825.00	63.48%	
Prepaid Insurance	1,417.90	449.58	968.32	215.38%	
Prepaid Workshop Expenses	14,320.00	7,160.00	7,160.00	100.0%	
Undeposited Funds	75.00	0.00	75.00	100.0%	
Total Other Current Assets	23,837.90	12,059.58	11,778.32	97.67%	
Total Current Assets	383,679.11	283,469.73	100,209.38	35.35%	
TOTAL ASSETS	383,679.11	283,469.73	100,209.38	35.35%	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable					
Accounts Payable	93.10	40,329.43	-40,236.33	-99.77%	
Total Accounts Payable	93.10	40,329.43	-40,236.33	-99.77%	
Other Current Liabilities					
Deferred Dues					
Affiliate Dues	0.00	455.02	-455.02	-100.0%	
Provider Dues	0.00	54,728.27	-54,728.27	-100.0%	B Last FY not adjusted out correctly to zero

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As of June 30, 2021

	Jun 30, 21	Jun 30, 20	$ Change	% Change	
Total Deferred Dues	0.00	55,183.29	-55,183.29	-100.0%	
Other Payable	0.00	1,425.00	-1,425.00	-100.0%	
Total Other Current Liabilities	0.00	56,608.29	-56,608.29	-100.0%	
Total Current Liabilities	93.10	96,937.72	-96,844.62	-99.9%	
Total Liabilities	93.10	96,937.72	-96,844.62	-99.9%	
Equity					
Retained Earnings	44,917.47	0.00	44,917.47	100.0%	C Adj of prior period Dues as an asset
Unrestricted Net Assets	238,124.31	237,544.50	579.81	0.24%	
Net Income	100,544.23	-51,012.49	151,556.72	297.1%	
Total Equity	383,586.01	186,532.01	197,054.00	105.64%	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	383,679.11	283,469.73	100,209.38	35.35%	

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Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
MEMBERSHIP				
Affiliate Dues	3,252.11	1,918.09	1,334.02	69.55%
Provider Dues	196,984.64	124,867.29	72,117.35	57.76%
Total MEMBERSHIP	200,236.75	126,785.38	73,451.37	57.93%
OPERATING				
Job Target/Career Board	1,376.66	119.25	1,257.41	1,054.43%
Total OPERATING	1,376.66	119.25	1,257.41	1,054.43%
PROGRAMMING				
Annual Meeting/Conv - Spring				
Sponsorships/Endorsements/Rebat	2,700.00	0.00	2,700.00	100.0%
Annual Meeting/Conv - Spring - Other	3,318.33	5,545.84	-2,227.51	-40.17%
Total Annual Meeting/Conv - Spring	6,018.33	5,545.84	472.49	8.52%
Workshops/Seminars	-1,610.00	8,783.10	-10,393.10	-118.33%
Total PROGRAMMING	4,408.33	14,328.94	-9,920.61	-69.24%
Total Income	206,021.74	141,233.57	64,788.17	45.87%
Gross Profit	206,021.74	141,233.57	64,788.17	45.87%
Expense				
ADMINISTRATIVE				
Bad Debt	0.00	1,975.00	-1,975.00	-100.0%
Bank / Merchant Fees	1,103.47	934.71	168.76	18.06%
Business License	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.0%
Insurance	881.68	1,240.45	-358.77	-28.92%
Management	62,700.00	97,416.65	-34,716.65	-35.64%
Miscellaneous	1,436.30	91.68	1,344.62	1,466.65%
Office Supplies	136.35	0.00	136.35	100.0%
Postage	299.75	0.00	299.75	100.0%
Printing/Copies	164.70	0.00	164.70	100.0%
Telephone	141.37	0.00	141.37	100.0%
Total ADMINISTRATIVE	66,873.62	101,668.49	-34,794.87	-34.22%
ADVOCACY				
Lobbyist Expenses	629.50	1,356.01	-726.51	-53.58%
Lobbyist/Legislative Consultant	44,400.00	44,400.00	0.00	0.0%
Policy & Advocacy	750.00	4,000.00	-3,250.00	-81.25%
Total ADVOCACY	45,779.50	49,756.01	-3,976.51	-7.99%
COMMUNICATIONS				
Website- Reg & Maint	499.00	0.00	499.00	100.0%
Total COMMUNICATIONS	499.00	0.00	499.00	100.0%
LEADERSHIP				
Board Meetings	0.00	300.00	-300.00	-100.0%
Strategic Planning	0.00	4,258.56	-4,258.56	-100.0%
Total LEADERSHIP	0.00	4,558.56	-4,558.56	-100.0%

Appears not all members were invoiced OR were invoiced in Prior year

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PROGRAMS				
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Speaker	250.00	0.00	250.00	100.0%
Total Annual Mtg/Convention Spring	8,600.00	0.00	8,600.00	100.0%
Workshops/Seminar Expense				
A/V-Technology	1,215.00	3,960.00	-2,745.00	-69.32%
Other Workshops/Seminar Expense	1,413.00	3,275.00	-1,862.00	-56.86%
Workshops/Seminar Expense - Other	0.00	275.00	-275.00	-100.0%
Total Workshops/Seminar Expense	2,628.00	7,510.00	-4,882.00	-65.01%
Total PROGRAMS	11,228.00	7,510.00	3,718.00	49.51%
Total Expense	149,024.17	178,670.81	-29,646.64	-16.59%
Net Ordinary Income	56,997.57	-37,437.24	94,434.81	252.25%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Interest & Dividends	2,491.79	3,899.17	-1,407.38	-36.09%
Gain/Loss on Investments	41,054.87	-17,474.42	58,529.29	334.94%
Total Other Income	43,546.66	-13,575.25	57,121.91	420.78%
Net Other Income	43,546.66	-13,575.25	57,121.91	420.78%
Net Income	100,544.23	-51,012.49	151,556.72	297.1%

Home Care Association of Washington

Clinical Director Report

June, 2021

***COVID Updates*:**

All in home services agencies should take note of the recent release off the OSHA ETS rules (Emergency Temporary Standards. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a long-awaited new workplace standard aimed at protecting front-line healthcare workers from contracting COVID-19.

The emergency temporary standard, released *Thursday* June *10, 2021* by OSHA, includes new requirements for hospitals, nursing homes and home health care providers including providing vital personal protective equipment like N95 masks. Mounting pressures have been placed on the federal government for a standard for more than a year as front-line workers have faced issues getting adequate PPE.

The standard applies to any workers who are in healthcare settings that treat suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases. This includes employees in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, emergency responders, home health care workers and employees in ambulatory care facilities. The rule is complex but most agencies should already have many of the requirements covered based on CDC, CMS or DOH requirements.

Here is the link to the OSHA site: Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) | Occupational Safety and Health Administration (osha.gov)

Legislative/Regulatory:

Federally, I am monitoring the progress of the HEAT Act (S. 1309.25) which would provide reimbursement for telehealth during a public health emergency. Progress is slow.

At the state level I continue to work with Leslie on several pieces of legislation including SB 6199 Consumer Directed Employer; Long Term Care Services and Support regulations.

Discussions continue regarding next steps for Certificate of Need updates for home health. The current rules have not been updated since 1987. The DOH – CON department has not yet scheduled meetings to do stakeholder work. We are working on education for board members as a next step. At the core, any changes should tie to the principles of access, quality and cost containment.

The CMS published the 2022 proposed payment rule for home health in June. Here is a link to a summary of the proposed rule: Home Health Proposed Rule: 8 Things to Know :: Simione Consultants LLC

Sepsis resources:

Al Cardillo with the HCANY has been very generous in sharing content heavy information about sepsis and how home care can have a positive impact in identifying sepsis early. We have the option of two different agreements if the Board decides to move forward with something formal. Sepsis is one of the most costly in-patient diagnoses and can claim lives of young and old alike it not identified and treated early. HCANY has demonstrated excellent leadership in moving this forward within the state of New York and provides excellent examples of how to

collaborate with other care providers across the continuum. I have forwarded all content to Lianna. My recommendation is that we schedule a zoom call with Al in the upcoming weeks so the Board can ask him directly of how this works with other associations. If we decide to move forward this could be a great member benefit.

Private Duty Nursing – Medically Fragile Children

We continue to support our Private Duty members to find innovative solutions to getting medically fragile children home. Leslie and I participated in on –going meetings with SCH and HCA to discuss potential legislative rule changes to help provide safe discharges for those hard to discharge, medically fragile children that are medically cleared for discharge. We are researching other states to see what innovative ideas we might weave into possible legislation for an added provider type supervised by a registered nurse. Current discussions include the idea of a family/CAN level of care so that a trained family member could be paid by the state to provide care. This is in the early stages of discussion. To be explored further is the concept of Parent/NAC where the parent is trained to care for the child but also becomes a NAC and could be paid to provide the care

***Representing HCAW*:**

I attend the following meetings throughout the month representing HCAW:

Forum of States; DOH COVID 19 vaccine webinars (multiple); CON call with member agency; WSHA – STAR – Sepsis webinars; WSHA Readmission Round table meeting, NAHC Town Hall meetings.

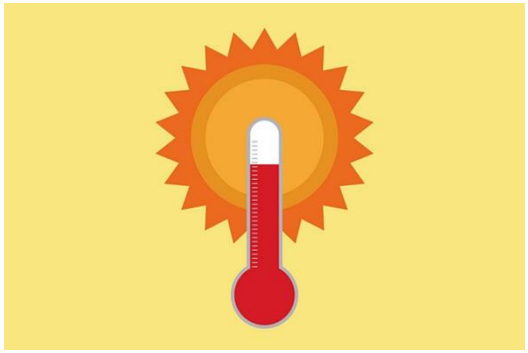
July 9, 2021

HCAW July 2021 Public Policy Report

Prepared by Leslie Emerick, HCAW Public Policy Director

Policy Overview

The Department of Health (DOH) issued a "heat wave advisory" on July 25 urging everyone to take precautions, stay cool, and protect themselves during the record-breaking heatwave. Temperatures soared into the triple digits breaking records throughout the state. There were rolling electricity "black-outs" in Spokane area and power went out for thousands around the state. Scientists are reporting that the "heat dome" is rare and unusual for the Pacific Northwest, but more can be expected in our future. Is this the new normal? How will our industry adapt to a warming planet? Some agency providers are using the "heat wave" as an opportunity to update their required emergency planning. Great idea!



- Heatwave Safety including if your power goes out
- Hot Weather Tips
- Creating Safer Air Movement

Hundreds believed dead in heat wave despite efforts to help: Seattle Times Article 7/1/21

DOH Incident Command Team (ICT): DOH set up an ICT during the heat wave and is requesting information how it impacted health care providers and agencies. Many seniors were negatively impacted by the heat and according to Christie Spice, Acting Assistant Secretary, are backing up in our hospitals. Since around 50% of residents in WA State do not have air conditioning, there is a big concern about releasing people back into their homes. Do you have any stories to share with DOH about impacts on home care? Spokane area was experiencing rolling blackouts to manage the heat wave. Were any home care agencies impacted by electricity loss in various areas around the state?

Heat Wave Warning from DSHS for Residental Care Facilities: 021-06-28-1.pdf (wa.gov)
This extreme heatwave should be treated as a major weather emergency, just like an extreme storm and the possibility of power outages. Generators and/or any auxiliary power systems should be tested, ensuring there is adequate fuel and supplies, and knowing what building systems will work if the system goes to their generator, including HVAC. Adequate water supplies, fuel, and plans to keep the residents sheltered in place for the next several days should be ready as resources will be depleted by the time the extreme weather arrives. Now is the time to pull out the facility emergency and disaster plans, ensure they are up to date, and that staff are educated on how and what to do.

COVID-19 Information

Washington State is opening back up after 15 months of restrictions due to the pandemic! Governor Inslee announced that the vast majority of COVID restrictions will end on June 30, 2021. Inslee statement on upcoming economic reopening | Governor Jay Inslee (wa.gov)

As Washington state reopens for business and recreation DOH is encouraging people to keep doing their part to stop the spread of COVID-19. Reopening does not mean the pandemic is over or that the risk of COVID-19 is gone. The Secretary of Health's mask order remains in place. People who are vaccinated can return to their regular lives for the most part, with a few exceptions like limits on large-scale events and mask requirements in some high-risk settings. While the state has made tremendous progress on vaccination, more than 35% of people 12 and older in the state have not yet gotten their first dose. DOH is continuing to see outbreaks in areas and settings where vaccination rates are lower.

L & I Guidance for Employers: is available on the Labor & Industries website.

Safe Start Plan: LTC Facilities to Follow Safe Start Plan Beyond June 30, 2021

DOH Homebound vaccination services: If you have a client unable to leave home to get the COVID-19 vaccine, homebound vaccination services are available through DOH. This service is available to those with a health condition or physical or intellectual disability preventing them from getting vaccinated in the community or require special needs accessible transportation. If you have questions about this service, please email DOH. To setup a homebound vaccination appointment:

- Complete this survey to submit a homebound vaccination registration form
- Call the State COVID-19 Assistance Hotline at 1-800-525-0127 or 1-888-856-5816
- Call their local health jurisdiction

When do the WA State COVID-19 Emergency Waivers end? Not sure yet. We are hoping that the state provides advance notice of waivers ending to allow agencies to "ramp down" to normal operations. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, DOH, the State Board of Health, and Health Care Professional Regulatory Boards and Commissions worked to ease some rules to make health care capacity and essential services better for the health of all people in Washington. See link: https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/HealthcareProviders/RelaxingRegulatoryRequirements

Please note that DOH has moved all COVID-19 Healthcare Infection Prevention materials to one location. COVID-19 infection prevention guidance for healthcare settings are here: https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/HealthcareProviders/InfectionPrevention

COVID-19 Guidance for Home Care, Home Health, and Hospice Agencies Updated June 9th: https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/HomeHealth-Hospiceguidance.pdf

COVID-19 infection prevention guidelines for Home Care Agencies: Here is the link to the recording from the webinar for Home Care Agency Administrators: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/5358689136647711496 on **June 23rd , 2021.**

- DOH's Respirator and PPE Guidance for In-Home Care
- CDC guidance for PPE removal

Department of Health (DOH)

In-Home Services Rules: DOH plans to update the In-Home Services Rules this fall. Many agencies found that the emergency waivers and proclamations actually provided for more efficient delivery of care. Do you have suggestions for changes that should be made permanent? We need to let John Hilger, DOH In-Home Services Manager, know soon so he can begin to incorporate changes into his initial draft for stakeholder to review.

> **Why are the In-Home Services rules being opened?** The rules were updated recently. Initially they were being opened for the Telemedicine Supervisory Visits for Home Health & Hospice rules update requested by HCAW. Then more providers found additional issues that they would like to put in the rules based on their experience with the pandemic and other issues. Now the Telemedicine Supervisory Visits for Home Health & Hospice issues will be done as separate rulemaking. These rules processes will be run concurrently.

Telemedicine Supervisory Visits for Home Health & Hospice: HCAW submitted a rulemaking request to DOH to allow for telemedicine supervisory visits for home health and hospice and was approved. Telemedicine has kept consumers and providers safe while allowing patients to continue their care plan with their home health and hospice providers during the COVID-19 pandemic, but its benefits extend far beyond the current outbreak. We are waiting for an announcement from DOH for the rulemaking to begin.

Home Health Certificate of Need Rules: I have followed up with DOH regarding the Home Health CON Rulemaking. They are working on a timeline for starting back up again with rulemaking this fall. We are in discussions to hire a data entity to review current home health data, so we go into the rulemaking with some idea of what is happening in the current Home Health Certificate of Need environment. Home health CON in WA State dates back to the 1987 State Plan Guidance document and has not been updated since.

DOH Rules Update: PAs ordering Home Health Services Expedited Rule Making CR-105: WAC 246-335-510 Definitions. In-Home Services, Home Health. DOH is proposing a permanent rule amendment to WAC 246-335-510(3), adding physician assistants to the list of practitioners authorized to order home health services and to sign plans of care, consistent with federal changes due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic filed as WSR# 20-23-089 . This rulemaking has been finalized.

DOH Rulemaking removing limitation on distance supervision for Social Worker Associates. If you have comments you may submit these comments here: Rules Comment If you have any questions regarding this please reach out to Brandon Williams at brandon.williams@doh.wa.gov.

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Palliative Care-DOH Rural Health Integration Advisory Team (PC-RHIAT):. For more information on their efforts go to: https://waportal.org/partners/home/washington-rural-palliative-care-initiative The PC-RHIAT meeting was on Wednesday, July 7th from 1:00-2:00 pm. Sharmon Figenshaw talked about the new Advance Care Planning docs for Honoring Choices Pacific Northwest, and the revised POLST form. https://www.honoringchoices.org/health-care-directives

Palliative Care Roadmap Still Available!! It's posted on DOH Rural Health webpage, as well as the WA Rural Palliative Care Initiative portal To order: https://prtonline.myprintdesk.net/DSF/

Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)

NCQAC/Long-Term Care Workforce Steering Committee: I have been participating in this committee representing HCAW for over three years. We wrapped up the ongoing workgroup in early June to deliver a final report to the legislature with recommendations on how to reduce barriers to entering Long-Term Care Workforce. The final report is completed, here is the link: Long-term Care Workforce Development Final Report (wa.gov)

This final report summarizes the activities of the Long-Term Care (LTC) Workforce Development Steering Committee, initiated by the passage of ESHB 1109. The Steering Committee acted on four key recommendations from their previous work in 2018, initiated by ESSB 6032.

The overall purpose of the project is to develop the LTC caregiving and nursing workforce to meet the current and future care needs of the public. The four specific charges include:

• Identifying data sources necessary to ensure workers are achieving timely training, testing, and certification; and working with regional workforce development councils to project worker shortages and on-going demands.

• Creating a competency-based common curriculum for nursing assistant training that includes knowledge and skills relevant to current nursing assistant practices; integrates specialty training on mental health, developmental disabilities, and dementia; and removes or revises outdated content. The curriculum must not unnecessarily add additional training hours and must meet all applicable federal and state laws. The curriculum must be designed with seamless progression from or toward any point on the educational continuum.

• Establishing revised nursing assistant testing that aligns directly with the learning outcomes of the competency-based common curriculum, and improves access, reduces costs, increases consistency across evaluators, increases pass rates, and provides support for languages other than English.

• Recommending requirements to improve skilled nursing facility staffing models and address deficiencies in resident care.

NCQAC Temporary Practice Permits: NCQAC completes the licensing for all nurses in our state, including RNs, LPNs, ARNPs and Nursing Technicians. Over the last several months, the NCQAC worked with the Governor's office to give top priority to temporary practice permit applications for nurses to assist with the urgent and critical care needs during the COVID-19 response. This included processing expedited application requests from qualifying healthcare facilities. Beginning July 1, 2021, the NCQAC is legislatively required to complete licensure of complete applications within seven days and has staffed accordingly to meet this requirement. In accordance with this new expectation, the NCQAC will no longer be processing expedited application requests from individual facilities.

The NCQAC would also like to remind any nurses who came to WA under the Emergency Volunteer Healthcare Provider (chapter 70.15 RCW) program to apply for a permanent license in Washington State. This will avoid a lapse in licensure in the event the Governor declared state of emergency ends. To apply for a WA State Nursing License, please visit our licensing webpage.

DSHS/ALTSA

DSHS and DOH Stakeholder Workgroups on Legislation: During the 2021 legislative session, the legislature passed two bills in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency with major impacts on long-term care facilities and homes. I have been invited to participate in these meetings and have attended the first stakeholder meeting for SHB 1218 where they discussed parameters for the workgroup and an October 2021 deadline to submit a draft to state agencies for review before December 2021 deadline. No meeting date set for HB 1120 yet…more to come!

• SHB 1218 addresses the quality of life, health, and safety of long-term care residents during a state of emergency, such as a pandemic. The legislation directs the department develop rules requiring long-term care facilities to develop emergency preparedness plans, respond to communications from the public, make accommodations to assist residents with communication, maintain current resident information, post any notice of stop placement, and support a resident's right to visitation from an essential support person during times when visitation is otherwise limited.

The department will be conducting rule-making projects on these topics to amend Chapters 388-97, 388-76, 388-78A, 388-107, and 388-101 WAC in compliance with this legislation. Administrators, providers, and superintendents from long-term care facilities, as well as members of the general public, are invited to participate in this process. This will mean participating in a workgroup or workgroups, attending meetings, and reviewing draft language as the rule changes are drafted and

adopted. This project is expected to begin in the summer of 2021 and continue through the adoption of the final rules. If you have any questions or if you want to participate in the rule-making process, please contact the Policy Unit at rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

• ESHB 1120 addresses the statutes and rules that were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic and how to return to normal operations at the end of the state of emergency. This directs the department to adopt rules on the suspended topics and adopt in rule the periods of time requirements were suspended and how to reinstate them. These topics include fingerprint background checks, the timeline of licensing inspections, nursing home staffing, and long-term care worker training.

LTC Services and Supports Mandatory Payroll Deduction: In 2019 the state legislature established the LTC Trust in HB 1087. The goal to establish funding for Washington workers with *basic*, publicly funded long term care (LTC) protection—the first of its kind in the nation. The bill is listed as the Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Program. Here is the: RCW 50B.04.080

Health Care Authority (HCA)

Private Duty Nursing issue and Seattle Children's Hospital (SCH): SCH has initiated a workgroup to discuss how to address children being backed up at the hospital for up to 3 years due to the shortage of private duty nurses and low reimbursement rates in the state. They are discussing a number of options very widely at this time and will be brining providers to the discussions eventually as they determine the parameters of what they would like to do. These discussions are very preliminary and HCAW needs to check in with our private duty nurses to discuss their efforts.

COVID Relief Funds at HCA: HCAW met with MaryAnne Lindeblad on Tuesday, June 8th to discuss home health agencies & accessing federal funding during pandemic. It seems that most Medicaid services for LTC were increased by around 10% using the federal FMAP funding. Home health was left out of the loop on this emergency funding. Private duty nursing did get an increase. HCA put in the FMAP document that home health was going to get reimbursement for a social worker and that is how they will fund part of that budget proviso. It does not appear that we were able to get a 10% rate increase during the state of emergency.

HCA Rulemaking for **DME & Home Health—ARNP PAs Ordering Home Health :** I attended the virtual public hearing on behalf of HCAW in support of this rulemaking to help expand access to home health, especially in rural areas. Donna had submitted written comments earlier in the process for these rules in support for HCAW. To view the proposed rules, see WSR 21-06-100.

New Preproposal - Statement of Inquiry (CR101) for Home Health: They need to fix an error in the last round of rulemaking. Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: HCA is amending these rules to change occurrences of "ordering physician" to "authorized practitioner" to align with amendments in Chapters 182-543 and 182-551 WAC recently made in WSR 21-12-051. During the course of this review, HCA may identify additional related changes that are required in order to improve clarity or update policy. (See WSR 21-14-007)

Public Policy Issues-Ongoing Policy Meetings

Workforce Shortages for Home Care Agencies: This issue continues to be a high priority for HCAW. The newest findings from the Washington Health Workforce Sentinel Network are now available at www.wa.sentinelnetwork.org. The website includes dashboards summarizing employer responses to the workforce demand questions that have been asked since 2016, as well as a special section on the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the health care workforce across the state. See policy briefs summarizing the findings for a selection of facility types. Much more detail about health workforce demand around the state, including responses to the COVID-19 crisis, can be explored on the Sentinel Network findings dashboard. The next round of Sentinel Network data collection will be in October 2021. For more information: University of Washington Center for Health Workforce Studies or Washington Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board

WA State Senior Citizens Lobby: This is a monthly meeting I have been attending for over 10 years. Speakers usually include the Assistant Director for Aging and LTC Services at DSHS and other who speak to issues related to servicing senior citizens in our state.

Dementia Collaborative: I have been participating in the states Dementia Collaborative for several years. They are working on a "tool kit" for dementia patients leaving the hospital and how to keep them safe and prevent readmissions.

WA State Hospital Association (WSHA) Readmissions Workgroup: I will be participating in the newly formed Readmissions Workgroup for WSHA.