HCAW Board Packet

August 18, 2022

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HCAW August 2022 Board Meeting Agenda

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

Date: 8/18		**Time:** 10:00 p.m.-11:00 a.m.	**Location:** GoToMeeting	
TIME	**TOPIC**	**DISCUSSION**	**ACTION PLAN**	**RESPONSIBLE**
10:00 a.m.	Call to Order	Welcome/Updates • Board Meeting Scheduling • Consent Agenda: July 2022 Minutes	Acceptance	Brent / All
10:10 a.m.	Financial Reports	• July Financials: Update and Acceptance • 2022-2023 Budget Review & Acceptance	Acceptance Review & Discussion	Kelly / All

10:30 a.m.	Committee Reports	• Education & Annual Meeting Committee
		• Membership Committee
		  ○ Review and Approval of Revised Dues Schedule
		• QAPI Committee
		  ○ Join us September 8th at 2:00pm
			Discussion	Deb
				Jason / Kelly
				Amber / Deb

10:45 a.m.	Legislative Updates	• Public Policy Report	Review and Questions	Leslie
10:50 a.m.	Clinical Updates	• Clinical Director Report	Review and Questions	Donna
10:55 a.m.	Strategic Plan	• Review open items from strategic planning • 2022-2023 Planning Session – September 23rd, 10a-5p	Review and Discussion	All
11:00 a.m.	Adjourn/Action Items	*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.*		

Board Meeting Teleconference Minutes
Thursday, July 21, 2022

10:00 am-11:00 m

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

ATTENDANCE

Board: Officers: President - Brent Korte, Past President - Rachel Manchester, Treasurer – Kelly Pajinag Secretary - Sheena Paylor Directors: Jason Darling, Lisa Shaw, Shelly McDiarmid, Deb Strom, Imee Nebres, Gina Anderson, Amber Hahn-Keenan

Staff: Leslie Emerick, Public Policy Director, Clinical Director: Donna Goodwin, Carissa Linnane, Executive Director

Not in Attendance: Directors: Melinda Moore, Geoff Meinken

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am

CALL TO ORDER

Consent Agenda: June 2022 Minutes accepted

All board members are requested to complete the board meeting and leaders' summit scheduling survey by Friday, July 22nd.

Important Announcements
Brent K. shared that he has resigned his position with EvergreenHealth. As a result, beginning September, he will not be an employee of a Home Health Agency in Washington State. Brent's last day at EvergreenHealth is the fifth if August. Our target to fill Brent's position is September 2022.

Please contact Carissa and Rachel if you are interested in taking on the position of President.

Donna shared that she has resigned her position with HCAW as of September 9th. She will continue to participate in our public policy calls and the CON workgroup.

FINANCE REPORTS

Financial Reports:
Kelly P. provided a review of our financial summary. **Motion to approve June financials accepted.**

22-23 Budget
We have included the 22-23 budget draft in the board packet for review. **We request each board member review the proposed budget and submit questions in writing to Kelly P. and Carissa L.** We intend to propose the budget for a vote at the August Board Meeting.

EDUCATION & ANNUAL MEETING

We are working to finalize the location for our annual spring conference. The two top selections are Lake Chelan and Leavenworth. Per comments in the chat, much of the group prefers Lake Chelan.

OASIS E Workshop – we have twenty-one registered and have reached a break-even point financially. If you plan to attend, please get registered soon as we are making final arrangements over the next 2 weeks.

QAPI

Amber H., Donna G., and Deb S. We are working to fast track the work of the QAPI prior to the end of Donna's position in September. The first meeting of the committee is going to be in September. We are also working to establish a listserv for this group. The first topic that will be addressed is the timely initiation of care. We plan to invite Marc berg to present to this group.

MEMEBRSHIP

Jason D. and Kelly P. shared that they have prepared a revised dues proposal that will be shared with the board which achieve the objectives we established at the beginning of the year. 1) Creating an introductory rate and 2) Reducing the number of dues categories.

Carissa L. to send Deb S. the policy about the membership termination policy.

PUBLIC POLICY REPORT

Complete report in board packet. Primary ballots have gone out. We made several bipartisan contributions to many candidates.

We have also received PAC donations form the PDN Members to support our advocacy efforts.

Discussion followed regarding incentive payments. If these incentives are working, then we should advocate for them to continue. The financial impacts of COVID may continue to present themselves through 2024.

Palliative Care Benefit Update: they only received $250,000 instead of the $600,000 they were promised to support this benefit. Leslie E. has contacted the legislature to see what can be done to address this issue.

PDN (Aveanna) is working closely with Leslie Elder at Seattle Children's to broaden access to care for medically intensive children. Seattle Children's has decided not to join HCAW, but due to the level of engagement of our PDN folks on this issue Leslie E. will plan to stay looped into the progress of this group.

Leslie E. recommended we consider inviting a PDN agency to serve on the board.

CLINICAL DIRECTOR REPORT

Complete report in board packet.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00am

ACTION ITEMS

All Board Members:

- Review the proposed budget and submit questions in writing to Kelly P. and Carissa L.
- Review Dues Proposal and submit questions in writing to Carissa L.
- Complete the scheduling surveys

QAPI Committee:

- Plan and schedule the QAPI Committee kick-off meeting in September
- Establish a Listserv tool for the use of this group

AME Committee:

- Finalize Annual Conference Venue (Lake Chelan or Leavenworth)

Carissa

- Send the following items to the board:
  - Strategic initiative dashboard
  - Doodle Polls for Board Meetings and the Leaders Retreat
  - 22-23 Budget Proposal
  - 2023 Dues proposal

Financial Report Notes – Kelly Pajinag, Treasurer & Carissa Linnane, Executive Director Prepared August 12, 2022

- **Operational Health Snapshot**
  - YTD our income is at a net deficit of $18,813.80 largely due to income received from the July OASIS Workshop. Our PAC Income up to $2,744.

- **Balance Sheet**
  - Current Assets:
    - Columbia Checking: Balance $127,958, up $12,589 from the previous YTD.
    - Baird Investments:
      - Investment Assets: $108,855 - ($13,070) from the previous YTD
      - Cash & Equivalents: $38,655 + $2,807 from previous YTD
    - Money Market: has remained stable at $65,698
    - Prepaid Workshop and other prepaid expenses booked as expected; 2022 deferred member dues income entries have been booked as earned.
    - Accounts Receivables:
      - Outstanding Invoices: $14,681; all invoices resent this month.

- **P&L to Budget:**
    - Unavailable until 22-23 Budget approved.

- **P&L Previous Year Comparison:**
  - Report in line with the previous YTD in most categories. Some areas show incremental variance due to cost increases. Fees appear high due to previous year comparison but account for the payment processing fees for the July OASIS Workshop.
  - Accounts Payable:
    - Reflective of charges to AMI credit card.

Home Care Association of Washington
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of July 31, 2022

	Jul 31, 22	Jul 31, 21	$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
Baird Cash and Equivalents	38,655.88	35,848.29	2,807.59	7.83%
Bairds Investment Assets	108,855.56	121,926.36	-13,070.80	-10.72%
Columbia Checking 0944	136,879.55	102,306.99	34,572.56	33.79%
Columbia Money Mkt #0936	65,698.78	65,692.20	6.58	0.01%
PAC - Columbia #0951	2,744.81	579.81	2,165.00	373.4%
Total Checking/Savings	352,834.58	326,353.65	26,480.93	8.11%
Accounts Receivable				
Accounts Receivable	14,681.75	7,079.40	7,602.35	107.39%
Total Accounts Receivable	14,681.75	7,079.40	7,602.35	107.39%
Other Current Assets				
Prepaid Annual Meeting Expenses	0.00	750.00	-750.00	-100.0%
Prepaid Expenses	640.00	6,462.50	-5,822.50	-90.1%
Prepaid Insurance	130.32	1,287.48	-1,157.16	-89.88%
Prepaid Workshop Expenses	4,655.00	13,960.00	-9,305.00	-66.66%
Undeposited Funds	0.00	8,535.50	-8,535.50	-100.0%
Total Other Current Assets	5,425.32	30,995.48	-25,570.16	-82.5%
Total Current Assets	372,941.65	364,428.53	8,513.12	2.34%
TOTAL ASSETS	372,941.65	364,428.53	8,513.12	2.34%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
Accounts Payable	-1,726.25	93.10	-1,819.35	-1,954.19%
Total Accounts Payable	-1,726.25	93.10	-1,819.35	-1,954.19%
Other Current Liabilities				
Deferred Dues				
Affiliate Dues	1,920.62	1,260.26	660.36	52.4%
Provider Dues	88,634.46	66,468.03	22,166.43	33.35%
Total Deferred Dues	90,555.08	67,728.29	22,826.79	33.7%
Deferred Workshop Income	0.00	-35,086.70	35,086.70	100.0%
Payable to HCAW PAC	0.00	-8,900.00	8,900.00	100.0%
Total Other Current Liabilities	90,555.08	23,741.59	66,813.49	281.42%
Total Current Liabilities	88,828.83	23,834.69	64,994.14	272.69%
Total Liabilities	88,828.83	23,834.69	64,994.14	272.69%
Equity				
Retained Earnings	27,754.52	103,398.77	-75,644.25	-73.16%
Unrestricted Net Assets	237,544.50	237,544.50	0.00	0.0%
Net Income	18,813.80	-349.43	19,163.23	5,484.14%
Total Equity	284,112.82	340,593.84	-56,481.02	-16.58%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	372,941.65	364,428.53	8,513.12	2.34%

Home Care Association of Washington
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
July 2022

	Jul 22	Jul 21	$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
PAC Contributions	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	100.0%
MEMBERSHIP				
Affiliate Dues	279.13	252.05	27.08	10.74%
Provider Dues	17,088.19	13,293.61	3,794.58	28.54%
Total MEMBERSHIP	17,367.32	13,545.66	3,821.66	28.21%
OPERATING				
Job Target/Career Board	198.75	0.00	198.75	100.0%
Total OPERATING	198.75	0.00	198.75	100.0%
PROGRAMMING				
OCS OASIS Partnership	0.00	134.90	-134.90	-100.0%
Workshops/Seminars	13,149.15	0.00	13,149.15	100.0%
Total PROGRAMMING	13,149.15	134.90	13,014.25	9,647.33%
Total Income	33,215.22	13,680.56	19,534.66	142.79%
Gross Profit	33,215.22	13,680.56	19,534.66	142.79%
Expense				
PAC Expenses	87.74	0.00	87.74	100.0%
ADMINISTRATIVE				
Bank / Merchant Fees	1,385.51	6.45	1,379.06	21,380.78%
Insurance	130.42	130.42	0.00	0.0%
Management	6,900.00	6,900.00	0.00	0.0%
Office Supplies	19.72	7.10	12.62	177.75%
Postage	13.35	1.10	12.25	1,113.64%
Printing/Copies	0.00	37.53	-37.53	-100.0%
Telephone	30.56	25.97	4.59	17.67%
Total ADMINISTRATIVE	8,479.56	7,108.57	1,370.99	19.29%
ADVOCACY				
Lobbyist/Legislative Consultant	8,000.00	3,700.00	4,300.00	116.22%
Policy & Advocacy	128.75	125.00	3.75	3.0%
Total ADVOCACY	8,128.75	3,825.00	4,303.75	112.52%
COMMUNICATIONS				
Newsletters/Publications	38.88	0.00	38.88	100.0%
Total COMMUNICATIONS	38.88	0.00	38.88	100.0%
MEMBERSHIP SERVICE/RETENTION				
Clinical Director	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.0%
NAHC Dues/Other Memberships	62.50	62.50	0.00	0.0%
Public Relations/ Awards	107.67	0.00	107.67	100.0%
Total MEMBERSHIP SERVICE/RETENTION	2,670.17	2,562.50	107.67	4.2%
PROGRAMS				
Annual Mtg/Convention Spring				
Syllabus	39.14	0.00	39.14	100.0%
Total Annual Mtg/Convention Spring	39.14	0.00	39.14	100.0%
Workshops/Seminar Expense				

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Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
July 2022

	Jul 22	Jul 21	$ Change	% Change
A/V-Technology	360.00	360.00	0.00	0.0%
Other Workshops/Seminar Expense	-3,555.00	0.00	-3,555.00	-100.0%
Syllabus Copies	1,873.27	0.00	1,873.27	100.0%
Total Workshops/Seminar Expense	-1,321.73	360.00	-1,681.73	-467.15%
Total PROGRAMS	-1,282.59	360.00	-1,642.59	-456.28%
Total Expense	18,122.51	13,856.07	4,266.44	30.79%
Net Ordinary Income	15,092.71	-175.51	15,268.22	8,699.35%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Interest & Dividends	138.87	126.84	12.03	9.48%
Gain/Loss on Investments	3,582.22	-300.76	3,882.98	1,291.06%
Total Other Income	3,721.09	-173.92	3,895.01	2,239.54%
Net Other Income	3,721.09	-173.92	3,895.01	2,239.54%
Net Income	18,813.80	-349.43	19,163.23	5,484.14%

Home Care Association of Washington
A/R Aging Detail
As of July 31, 2022

	Type	Date	Num	P. O. #	Name	Terms	Due Date	Aging	Open Balance
Current									
Total Current									
1 - 30									
Total 1 - 30									
31 - 60									
Total 31 - 60									
61 - 90									
Total 61 - 90									
> 90									
	General Journal	01/01/2022	AJE1-34		Non Member				366.00
	Invoice	01/01/2022	20150903		Sunrise Services		02/15/2022	166	150.00
	Invoice	01/01/2022	20150909		Providence VNA Home Health- C		02/15/2022	166	9,330.00
	Invoice	01/01/2022	20150925		Assured Home Health, Hospice & Homecare		02/15/2022	166	1,200.00
	Invoice	01/01/2022	20150931		Providence Home Health		02/15/2022	166	547.75
	Invoice	02/22/2022	20150941		Wenatchee Home Health NW of Wenatchee		02/22/2022	159	2,090.00
	Invoice	03/01/2022	20150945		Sandata Technologies		03/01/2022	152	499.00
	Invoice	04/11/2022	20150973		SimiTree		04/11/2022	111	499.00
Total > 90									14,681.75
TOTAL									14,681.75

Statement Period: **JULY 1 - JULY 31, 2022**
Account Number: **8084-3137**
Account Solution: **Advisory - Baird Advisory Choice**
For more information, go to www.bairdwealth.com/retailinvestor

PREMIER CLIENT STATEMENT

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

	This Period July 1, 2022	*Year-to-Date January 1, 2022*
Beginning Balance	**$144,151.16**	**$164,795.34**
Cash Deposits		
Cash Withdrawals		
Income and Distributions	137.12	2,685.03
Other Transactions	-359.06	-513.17
Change in Value*	3,582.22	-19,455.76
Total Assets: July 31, 2022	**$147,511.44**	**$147,511.44**

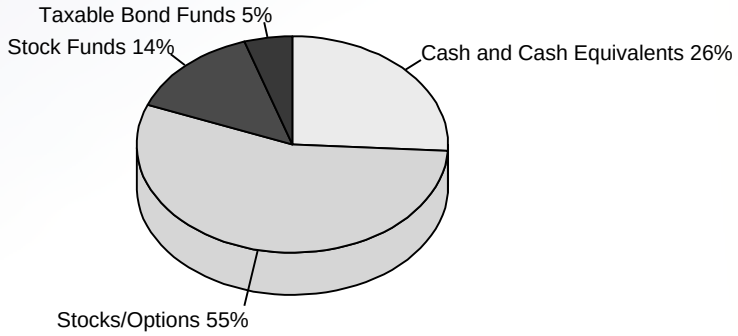
* Change in Value may include assets received in and/or delivered out.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Growth with Income

If you have any questions concerning your investment objective, or wish to make a change, please contact your Baird Financial Advisor.

ASSET ALLOCATION



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ASSET SUMMARY

	Value as of July 31, 2022				Gains/(-)Losses		
						Realized	
	At Baird	*Not at Baird*	*Total*	*% of Assets **	*Unrealized*	*This Period*	*Year-to-Date*
Cash	49.05		49.05	0.03%			
Money Market/Bank Deposit	38,606.83		38,606.83	26.17%			
Margin							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	**$38,655.88**		**$38,655.88**	**26.20%**			
Stocks/Options	81,984.51		81,984.51	55.58%	7,513.98		
Stock Funds	19,986.05		19,986.05	13.55%	5,819.77		
Preferred Stocks							
Balanced Funds							
Tax-Exempt Bonds							
Tax-Exempt Bond Funds							
Taxable Bonds							
Taxable Bond Funds	6,885.00		6,885.00	4.67%	-4,098.95		
Unit Investment Trusts							
Annuities							
Baird Capital							
Other Investments							
Portfolio Assets	**$108,855.56**		**$108,855.56**	**73.80%**	**$9,234.80**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
Total Assets	**$147,511.44**		**$147,511.44**	**100.00%**	**$9,234.80**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**

INCOME & DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY **

		This Period	*Year-to-Date*
Dividends	Tax-Exempt		
	Taxable - Qualified	75.90	1,051.12
	Taxable - Non-Qualified	49.05	1,061.38
Interest	Tax-Exempt		
	Taxable	12.17	20.32
Capital Gain Distributions			552.21
Return of Principal			
Other			
Total Income and Distributions		**$137.12**	**$2,685.03**

TAX INFORMATION SUMMARY

		This Period	*Year-to-Date*
Accrued Interest Paid	Tax-Exempt		
	Taxable		
Accrued Interest Received	Tax-Exempt		
	Taxable		
Gross Proceeds			
Federal Withholding			
Foreign Taxes Paid			
Margin Interest Charged			

* Please note "% of Assets" figures are shown gross of any amounts owed to Baird and/or net short positions.

** Certain distributions made in the current year that are reported in the prior year and/or taxable non-cash transactions may cause a difference in totals between the Income and Distribution Summary and Activity Summary tables.

ASSET DETAILS

This section shows the cash, cash equivalents and/or securities in your account. It reflects market values as of the close of business, July 31, 2022.
Please note, unrealized gain/loss is being prepared for informational purposes only and should not be used for tax preparation without the assistance of your tax advisor.
Cumulative Investment Return on funds and unit investment trusts is provided for informational purposes only to assist you in comparing the total current value of your position with your total amount invested, excluding reinvestment activity. Cumulative Investment Return may be misstated if any cost information is inaccurate or if you have sold part of your position since your original investment.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Any balances reflected in this section held in a bank deposit account or in shares of money market mutual funds may be liquidated on your order and the proceeds returned to your account or remitted to you. We encourage you to visit www.rwbaird.com/cashsweeps and to speak to your Financial Advisor about alternatives for your idle cash as there may be material differences in yield and other important factors to consider (e.g. liquidity, safety) when choosing the best solution to meet your needs.

	Current Value	*Cost*	*Unrealized Gain/(-)Loss**	*Anticipated Annualized Income*	*Current Yield %*
CASH	49.05	49.05			
FDIC INSURED DEPOSIT MULTI-BANK	38,606.83	38,606.83		142.85	0.37%

Net yield from 07/01/22 - 07/31/22 was 0.37%.

Deposits are insured by the FDIC up to $1,250,000 per depositor (or $2,500,000 for joint accounts).

Program Banks	*Current Value*
CITIBANK, N.A.	38,606.83

Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	**$38,655.88**	**$38,655.88**		**$142.85**	**0.37%**

PORTFOLIO ASSETS

Stocks/Options	*Symbol/CUSIP Bond Rating+*	*Quantity*	*Current Price*	*Average Unit Cost*	*Current Value*	*Cost*	*Unrealized Gain/(-)Loss**	*Anticipated Annualized Income*	*Current Yield %*
ABBVIE INC	ABBV	80	143.5100	97.0486	11,480.80	7,763.89	3,716.91	451.20	3.93%
ALASKA AIR GROUP INC	ALK	100	44.3300	65.5800	4,433.00	6,558.00	-2,125.00	N/A	N/A
DIVERSIFIED HEALTHCARE TRUST SBI	DHC	300	1.7300	23.6135	519.00	6,334.57***	-5,815.57	12.00	2.31%
EXPEDIA GROUP INC	EXPE	55	106.0500	128.5516	5,832.75	7,070.34	-1,237.59	N/A	N/A
ALERISLIFE INC	ALR	20	1.1500	3.7100	23.00	74.20	-51.20	N/A	N/A
RMR GROUP INC CL A	RMR	3	28.9100	11.8900	86.73	35.67	51.06	4.80	5.53%
RAYTHEON TECHNOLOGIES CORP	RTX	93	93.2100	82.4149	8,668.53	7,664.59	1,003.94	204.60	2.36%
SIX FLAGS ENTERTAINMENT CORP NEW	SIX	150	22.6700	56.0749	3,400.50	8,411.24***	-5,010.74	N/A	N/A

ASSET DETAILS continued

	Symbol/CUSIP Bond Rating+	Quantity	Current Price	Average Unit Cost	Current Value	Cost	Unrealized Gain/(-)Loss*	Anticipated Annualized Income	Current Yield %
Stocks/Options continued									
STARBUCKS CORP	SBUX	125	84.7800	14.2369	10,597.50	1,779.61	8,817.89	245.00	2.31%
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE INC CL B	UPS	60	194.8900	115.9950	11,693.40	6,959.70	4,733.70	364.80	3.12%
U S BANCORP DE NEW	USB	165	47.2000	43.2977	7,788.00	7,144.12	643.88	303.60	3.90%
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	VZ	150	46.1900	51.2033	6,928.50	7,680.50	-752.00	384.00	5.54%
WEYERHAEUSER CO	WY	290	36.3200	24.1176	10,532.80	6,994.10	3,538.70	208.80	1.98%
Total Stocks/Options					**$81,984.51**	**$74,470.53**	**$7,513.98**	**$2,178.80**	**2.66%**
Stock Funds									
WASHINGTON MUTUAL INVESTORS CL F3 REINVESTMENTS	FWMIX	375.466	53.2300	37.7298	19,986.05	14,166.27	5,819.77	385.71	1.93%
Total Stock Funds					**$19,986.05**	**$14,166.27**	**$5,819.77**	**$385.71**	**1.93%**
Taxable Bond Funds									
TEMPLETON GLOBAL INCOME FUND	GIM	1,500.000	4.5900	7.3226	6,885.00	10,983.95***	-4,098.95	642.00	9.32%
Total Taxable Bond Funds					**$6,885.00**	**$10,983.95**	**-$4,098.95**	**$642.00**	**9.32%**
Total Portfolio Assets					**$108,855.56**	**$99,620.75**	**$9,234.80**	**$3,206.51**	**2.95%**
Total Assets					**$147,511.44**	**$138,276.63**	**$9,234.80**	**$3,349.36**	**2.27%**

\+ Bond ratings of securities displayed on your statement were obtained from various rating services. There is no guarantee with respect to the accuracy of this information.

* Please note, "Unrealized Gain/(-)Loss" does not equal the total current value minus the total cost if any value or cost amounts are missing.

*** The original cost of this security has been adjusted to reflect principal payments, return of capital or amortization/accretion based on our records and/or provided by you.

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Type of Activity	*Activity*	*This Period*	*Year-to-Date*
	Opening Balance - Cash and Cash Equivalents	**$38,877.82**	**$37,200.11**
Buy and Sell Transactions	Assets Sold/Redeemed		
	Assets Bought		-716.09
Cash Deposits and Withdrawals	Deposits		
	Withdrawals		
Income and Distributions	Dividends	124.95	2,112.50
	Interest	12.17	20.32
	Capital Gain Distributions		552.21
	Return of Principal		
	Other		
Margin Interest	Margin Interest Charged		
Cash Management Activity	Debit Card Activity		
	ACH/ATM Activity		
	Checks You Wrote		
Other	Asset Based Fees	-359.06	-513.17
	Other Transactions		
	Closing Balance - Cash and Cash Equivalents	**$38,655.88**	**$38,655.88**

ACTIVITY DETAILS

Date	*Activity*	*Quantity*	*Price*	*Description*	*Total*
	Opening Balance			**Total Opening Balance**	**$38,877.82**
07/01/22	Purchase			FDIC INSURED DEPOSIT	
07/15/22	Dividend			U S BANCORP DE NEW	75.90
07/18/22	Purchase			FDIC INSURED DEPOSIT	
07/18/22	Asset Based Fee			FIA FEE BILL VAL 144,151.16 07/01/22 THRU 09/30/22	-363.33
07/19/22	Sale			FDIC INSURED DEPOSIT	
07/21/22	Asset Fee Rebate			12B-1 REBATE	4.27
07/22/22	Purchase			FDIC INSURED DEPOSIT	

SUBACCOUNT ACTIVITY

Cash	*Money Market*	*Margin*
$52.80	**$38,825.02**	**$0.00**
-52.80	52.80	
75.90		
-75.90	75.90	
-363.33		
363.33	-363.33	
4.27		
-4.27	4.27	

ACTIVITY DETAILS continued

Date	*Activity*	*Quantity*	*Price*	*Description*	*Total*
07/29/22	Interest			FDIC INSURED DEPOSIT	12.17
07/29/22	Asset Bought-Reinv			FDIC INSURED DEPOSIT	
07/29/22	Dividend			TEMPLETON GLOBAL INCOME FUND	49.05
	Closing Balance			**Total Closing Balance**	**$38,655.88**

SUBACCOUNT ACTIVITY continued

Cash	*Money Market*	*Margin*
12.17		
-12.17	12.17	
49.05		
$49.05	**$38,606.83**	**$0.00**

INTERESTED PARTIES AND/OR SUPPORTING REPRESENTATIVE(S)

Your Supporting Representative(s) is (are):

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2022 Committee Report

Committee Name: Membership **Date: Aug. 2022**
Date of last committee meeting: 8/8/22
Submitted by: Jason, Kelly, Sheena

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

We have streamlined and updated our dues categories. Next step is getting updated revenue info from member agencies. The revision of fees is not expected to significantly impact HCAW receipts for budgeting purposes that would require a significant revision of our revenue forecast for 2023. As a review, we have added an introductory category with a low fee to entice new start-up agencies to join. We have also reduced the number of revenue categories to simplify the process. There has been a slight increase in fees for most categories, but the increase is well below inflation and has not been updated in quite some time. Our dues appear to be aligned with other similar state associations and we feel they reflect the value added and will help support our stated mission. Ongoing review of our fee structure is recommended after the 2023 campaign to determine any further recommended adjustments, etc.

Next step: if new due structure approved by board, we will send out an invitation for current members to complete our new membership application electronically. This will allow simultaneous updating of agency info including updated revenue, contacts info., etc. This will be done by October to allow time to update invoices and create member packets by end of calendar year.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

vote to approve and/or modify current proposed fee schedule updates to include addition of new start-up member rate, reduction in fee categories, and updated fee schedules.

Next committee meeting information:
Date/Time: November 4, 2022
Location: MS Teams

2023 Membership Dues Fee Schedule Proposal			
Prepared July 20, 2022 by the Membership Committee			
Revenue:	2022 HCAW dues	Proposed Categories	Proposed Fee Schedule
Agencies with doors open less than 1 year	$ 605.00	New agency <1 year	$ 299.00
Under $300,000	$ 605.00	Under $300,000	$ 605.00
$300,000 – 499,999	$ 890.00	$300,000 – 499,999	$ 750.00
$500,000 – 999,999	$ 1,020.00	$500,000 – 999,999	$ 1,250.00
$1,000,000 – 1,499,999	$ 2,090.00	$1,000,000 – 1,999,999	$ 2,100.00
$1,500,000 – 1,999,999	$ 2,325.00		
$2,000,000 – 2,499,999	$ 2,805.00	$2,000,000-2,999,999	$ 3,200.00
$2,500,000 – 2,999,999	$ 3,290.00		
$3,000,000 – 3,499,999	$ 3,760.00	$3,000,000-3,999,999	$ 4,200.00
$3,500,000 – 3,999,999	$ 4,240.00		
$4,000,000 – 4,499,999	$ 4,725.00	$4,000,000-4,999,999	$ 5,400.00
$4,500,000- 4,999,999	$ 5,200.00		
$5,000,000 – 5,999,999	$ 5,620.00	$5,000,000-5,999,999	$ 6,400.00
$6,000,000- 6,999,999	$ 6,460.00	$6,000,000-6,999,999	$ 7,000.00
$7,000,000-7,999,999	$ 7,290.00	$7,000,000-7,999,999	$ 7,600.00
$8,000,000- 8,999,999	$ 8,135.00	$8,000,000-$9,999,999	$ 8,200.00
$9,000,000-9,999,999	$ 8,730.00	$10,000,000- 15,000,000	$ 8,800.00
$10,000,000-12,499,999	$ 9,090.00		
$12,500,000- 14,999,999	$ 9,205.00		
$15,000,000-17,499,999	$ 9,385.00	$15,000,000-up	$ 9,400.00
$17,500,000-19,999,999	$ 9,570.00		
$20,000,000-22,499,999	$ 9,850.00		
$22,500,000- 25,000,000+	$ 9,850.00		

Goals

Add an introductory Agency rate

Reduce the number of categories

Education Committee

Chair: Debra Strom

Accomplishments:

- July OASIS Answers Training and Testing in Renton
- October OASIS Answers Training and Testing in Spokane scheduled
- Confirmed 2023 Annual Spring Conference May 2-4th in Lake Chelan at Campbell's Resort.
- Webinars with decent attendance; filled through end of calendar year

Next Steps

- Setting up subcommittees for Annual Conference 2023
- Start to schedule webinars for CY 2023
- Begin to look at dates for Spring Conference 2024

Challenges

- Need a larger, more diverse Education Committee membership

Assistance needed from the Board

- Suggest a member from your team to participate on the education committee; it looks good on a CV and provides networking opportunities. We need some representation from Rural Home Health and Palliative Care

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QAPI Committee

Chairs : Debra Strom and Amber Hahn-Keenan

Accomplishments:

- Set up Microsoft Teams Channel for QAPI List-Serve
- Confirmed first QAPI Round-table will be September 8, 2022
    - Topic: Timeliness of Initiation of Care for Home Health
    - Marc Berg will share his claims data for this element at the top of the meeting
    - Poll of attendees for interest in future meeting discussions

Next Steps

- Send communication to membership describing the value for the round table meetings and list serve
- Interim plan until Donna's replacement is in place to help support the list serve ad meetings
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Challenges

- Unsure how well this will be received by the membership and attended. Hopefully optimistic.

Assistance needed from the Board

- When messaging created, please share the new offerings with good support. Hoping to leverage the experience/knowledge within our state to raise the waterline for all of us.

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August 8th, 2022

HCAW August 2022 Public Policy Report

Prepared by Leslie Emerick, HCAW Public Policy Director

Legislative Landscape

Summertime in the Northwest is always beautiful, but a bit hot this year! Hope you are all staying safe and enjoying the great outdoors as much as you can. Elections are in full swing and hopefully you voted in the Primary Election is on August 2nd. The General Election is on November 8th, 2022. All members of the House of Representatives are up for election and about ½ the Senate. Elections always provide us with new opportunities to educate legislators about home care, home health and hospice!

Department of Health (DOH) (Lot's going on!)

Inslee announces upcoming rescission of twelve proclamations related to COVID-19: On July 29, 2022, Governor Inslee announced his intent to rescind Proclamation 20-32.11 on October 27, 2022. This proclamation temporarily waived the requirements in Chapter 246-12 WAC related to continuing education for health care professionals. When the proclamation ends on October 27, 2022, providers will once again be required to attest they have met continuing education (CE) requirements for license renewal. This impacts training for home care aides and other licensed professions that was delayed during the pandemic along with Certificate of Need (CON) and more!

Certificate of Need and COVID Proclamations for Licensed Health Care Facilities: Barb and I attended the first meeting for the post COVID Proclamations that was attended by 68 people. All three meetings will be the same presentation but may be different due to questions asked and a Q & A that they are developing based on these meetings. Bottom line is if you used the flexibility in the waivers and want to continue to do so you must notify the department by August 28th with a letter of intent. The next meeting is August 9th and there will be one more on August Please see below:

If your health care facility took advantage of the waivers in Proclamation 20-36 and you plan to maintain these changes beyond October 27, 2022, you must comply with state law applicable to your license type. This could include obtaining a certificate of need, obtaining construction review approval, and/or updating your license. This will also impact home health agencies who are working out or their typical CON boundaries to provide care under the waivers. Its important that we have a plan for transitioning these patients either back to another agency or caring for them until the end of life which might be the case for hospice.

For those facilities requiring a **Certificate of Need**:

1. By **August 28, 2022**, facilities must submit a Letter of Intent to the department conforming to WAC 246-310-080. Letters of Intent must describe the increase in capacity and/or new locations the facility wants to maintain and be accompanied by a patient transition plan should the department not approve the application. Send the Letter of Intent to COVIDwaiver@doh.wa.gov.

2. By **October 27, 2022**, facilities must submit a CN application and the appropriate fee to the department following existing CN application processes and requirements. Facilities must also submit applications to modify their facility license within this same timeframe, as appropriate. If your CN application is denied, you must execute your patient transition plan and revert your operations to your previously approved CN.

· Exception: Health care facility types on a concurrent review cycle for CN applications (nursing homes, **hospice care centers**, and end stage renal disease facilities) will be required to submit a second Letter of Intent, CN application, and appropriate fee in compliance with the department's published schedule the next time the application cycle opens. Facilities must also submit applications to modify their facility license within this same timeframe, as appropriate. If your CN application is denied, you must execute your patient transition plan and revert your operations to your previously approved CN.

For those facilities requiring **Construction Review**:

1. By **August 28, 2022**, facilities must submit a construction review application to COVIDwaiver@doh.wa.gov and appropriate fee. Applications must include a clear description of the scope of work (physical changes, additions, renovations) made to the facility.

2. By **October 27, 2022**, facilities must submit formal engineering plans, functional programs, and associated documentation needed to evaluate compliance with the state licensing rules OR submit a technical assistance application to the department to confirm the scope of work and establish documentation requirements. Facilities must respond quickly and in good faith to correct non-compliant construction, eliminate hazards within the environment and complete the review project.

3. By **January 25, 2023,** and every 90 days after that until the project is fully approved, submit to the department quarterly progress reports that address project status, updates since the last report, and planned completion date.

Following the process above will not adversely affect a facility's CN, CR, or license application. Failure to follow the steps outlined above will be considered non-compliance and the department may take appropriate enforcement action. If you have any questions about what actions you should take now, technical assistance is available at COVIDwaiver@doh.wa.gov. The department will also host webinars about the glide path described above on the following dates:

Tuesday, August 9th, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82608904941 Meeting ID: 826 0890 4941

One tap mobile +12532158782,,82608904941# US (Tacoma)

Thursday, August 11th, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82703728607 Meeting ID: 827 0372 8607

One tap mobile +12532158782,,82703728607# US (Tacoma) +16694449171,,82703728607# US

Dial by your location +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

DOH Associations Meeting with Lobbyists: I attended a virtual meeting on July 26 with Assistant Secretary Christy Spice that is held on a quarterly basis with association representatives in the health professions. There was extensive discussions about the new HELMS Licensure System that is currently being developed to handle all future health profession licenses, including home care aides and certified nursing assistants. They gave us a demonstration of the new system log in and how it will work. The system is still at least a year away from going into effect after a delay to hire a new company to implement.

At the meeting we were notified of a fee review for home care aides and they will be receiving a certification fee increase. The home care aide program is around $6.2 million dollars in the hole in the departments administrative fund called the "O2G Fund". Each profession is required by law to pay for their own costs. One of the main reasons for the huge deficit for home care aides is that they have training in 13 different languages. The cost of this was originally underestimated by the department and the profession has never been able to keep up. As you know this is a low-income job the higher fees can be devastating for these caregivers. The department is going to run a Decision Package next legislative session to cancel the deficit of the fee side for home care aides. We do not know at this time how much the fee increase will be at this time.

Hospice CON Rulemaking: DOH initiated hospice rules workshops in 2022. See: CN Rules Kick-Off Presentation (wa.gov) The purpose of opening WAC 246-310-290 and 246-310-295 is to update the need forecasting methodology and standards for hospice services by incorporating stakeholder input gained through various rules workshops and comment opportunities. **Here is the latest proposed draft language change:**

(e) Step 5. Combine the two age cohorts. Subtract Calculate the most recent three-year average hospice capacity in each planning area using hospice agency admissions. Subtract the calculated hospice capacity from the projected volumes calculated in Step 4 to determine the number of projected admissions beyond the planning area capacity. (e)(i) For hospice agencies qualified under WAC 246-310- 290(7)(b), and whose recent three-year average hospice capacity is below an ADC of thirty-five, replace any reported admissions with default admissions for each year over which the three-year average is calculated.

- 06/22/2022 Updated proposed draft changes to WAC 246-310-290(8)(e) (PDF)

- Draft language received for WAC 246-310-290(8)(e), as of June 21, 2022 (PDF)
- Sample methodology reflecting proposed change (PDF)

The CON Program's Rules Activity website soon. Email CNRulemaking@doh.wa.gov if you have any questions. **Future listening sessions:** August 2022

DOH CON for Home Health Agencies: We are in line for one of the next CON updates for home health. We are still working with Marc Berg of Berg Data on the state of home care in WA State and how we compare to the nation. Many of the recommendations are under consideration in our newly formed QAPI group. Please contact Carissa at carissa@aminc.org for more information on how to join our QAPI group.

DOH Strategic Plan: DOH has a new strategic plan for 2022 and beyond: DOH Transformational Plan: A Vision for Health in Washington State. You can also find the plan on their website: About Us: Strategic Plan. This plan is a call to action for DOH as we emerge from our intense focus on COVID-19 and look ahead to reimagine public health, reinvigorate our work, and not lose sight of the lessons learned during this pandemic. Please reach out to Kristin Peterson, Deputy Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Evaluation at Kristin.Peterson@DOH.WA.GOV, if you have any questions or comments about this plan. The plan is focused on five key priority areas:

- Health and Wellness
- Health Systems and Workforce Transformation
- Environmental Health
- Emergency Response and Resilience
- Global and One Health

DOH Draft Survey for Home Care and Home Health Agencies: John Hilger at DOH sent us a draft survey of home care and home health that he is required to do from a budget proviso that passed last session. He would like our **edits or comments on the survey by August 5th, 2022**.

- Although most of our private pay home care providers do not like this concept, this does potentially help Medicaid Home Care Agencies. Attached is the document:

HC HH Survey - 7-21-2022.docx

Peter Nazzal from Catholic Community Services and other home care associations also reached out to us, but we did not hear back from them with draft changes. As a reminder, here is the background information on this issue from the legislative session!

Background: SEIU Study to Increase Taxes on Home Care to Gain higher Federal Reimbursements: DOH to conduct a voluntary survey (expected to cost $17,000 GF-S) to gather non-identifiable baseline information about the home care industry that would inform future consideration of a possible home care assessment of the same type that is already used to obtain more federal Medicaid dollars for the state with the current assessments for hospitals and nursing homes. DOH is supportive of the amendment but wasn't able to get it into either the House or Senate versions of the Operating Budget. Here is the amendment language:

"The department shall conduct a survey of home care and home health agencies, as those terms are defined in Ch. 70.127 RCW, to gather financial information for tax or fee planning purposes, including but not limited to total by service line. Any such financial information reported must be de-identified so it does not identify individual recipients of care. The department shall provide this information to the Department of Social and Health Services and SEIU 775 for analysis." DOH would require a GF-S appropriation of $17,000 for staffing to accomplish the work.

The background on this request is that for the past 18 months SEIU 775 has been working with DSHS, DOH and DOR to develop a proposal for a home care assessment that could increase federal Medicaid funding for home care services in our state, similar to the existing assessments on hospitals and nursing homes. However, after a lot of work it became clear that the state does not currently have enough information on revenue from home care agencies to be able to develop a proposal rigorous enough to meet CMS requirements. DOH ultimately suggested that they could do a survey and try to gather the information voluntarily from home care agencies.

No surprises among friends: while the nursing home industry folks at WHCA and LeadingAge support the concept, private-pay home care agencies probably won't like any future proposal to add a home care assessment, but I want to emphasize that the survey authorized by this amendment would be totally voluntary and no home care assessment could be authorized without the passage of specific legislation at some future date. The voluntary survey authorized by this budget amendment would inform future decisions but would not create any obligations for future legislatures.

Home Care Aides Stakeholder Meeting: I attended the DOH and the DSHS virtual Home Care Aides stakeholder meeting on July 27, regarding the new rules to respond to the backlog of long-term care workers needing training and/or testing for certification caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting basically reviewed information that we had sent our earlier in the month to our provider on the new deadlines for training and certification that was delayed during the pandemic. The Permanent Rule Making adds two new sections in Chapters 388-71 WAC and 388-112A WAC. To access the entire rules document and language, please click here.

Death With Dignity Barriers Survey: WSHPCO was contacted by Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center regarding participating in a survey of hospice providers around barriers to the state's Death with Dignity Act. ESSB 5693 Budget Bill appropriated $200,000 of the state fund for

2023 to the institution to conduct a study, in consultation with DOH and with approval from the Washington state institutional review board, of the ability of Washington residents to make use of the rights established in chapter 70.245 RCW to achieve full access to the Washington death with dignity act. The study shall review the extent to which there are barriers to achieving full access to the Washington death with dignity act.

DOH Health Equity Rules: DOH is holding a series of rules workshops to implement ESSB 5229. In 2021, state legislators passed ESSB 5229 directing DOH to make rules for health professionals to take health equity continuing education. They previously held listening sessions to listen and engage with individuals who have lived experience of health inequities and racism, as well as providers, advocacy groups, and associations. At this time, they are considering between 2-6 hours of training every 4 years but have not settled on the exact number yet. If you have questions or comments, please contact: healthequityimplementation@doh.wa.gov.

Patient Safety Improvement Task Force (wa.gov): DOH is implementing recommendations in its processes to reduce the time it takes to complete sexual misconduct cases, while working with other partner agencies on recommended actions they can take, to improve the process overall. Secretary of Health Dr. Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH convened a task force to develop recommendations for improving the disciplinary process for sexual misconduct cases.

The task force met several times in 2021 and 2022 and developed an extensive set of recommendations. This summary explains how DOH intends to implement some recommendations, while other oversight partners look to implement actions on behalf of their entities.

DOH Notifies In-Home Services Agencies about Compliance Surveys: Over the past several months DOH surveyors have encountered the below challenges when attempting to conduct required compliance surveys. We are sharing these challenges as an opportunity to remind agencies of the various survey-related requirements in the In-Home Services rules (chapter 246-335 WAC). Our goal is that this regulatory reminder will encourage agencies to appropriately communicate with DOH and cooperate with its surveyors. To those agencies who are aware of these requirements and have made efforts to remain in compliance – we thank you. To those agencies who have not understood these requirements – we ask that you make new efforts to follow the rules.

DOH IHS Complance Survey Info 8-2022.do

If you have questions about this communication, please contact In-Home Services program manager John Hilger at john.hilger@doh.wa.gov

Home Health and Hospice Telemedicine Supervisory Visits: This rulemaking mainly imp[acts private duty nursing agencies and will not have an impact on home health or hospice unless federal telehealth rules change. We are waiting for further rulemaking.

- In-Home Services WSR 21-20-084.PDF
- WSR 21-16-096.pdf

Palliative Care-Rural Health Integration Advisory Team (PC-RHIAT): This is a workgroup that helps provide tele-consults for patients and their providers and helps set up community support for palliative care efforts in rural areas. For more information on their efforts go to: https://waportal.org/partners/home/washington-rural-palliative-care-initiative

Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)

Basic Caregiver Training Emergency Rule Refiled: NCQAC is amending requirements for:

- Register Nurse (RN)
- Nursing Assistant Registered (NAR)
- Home Care Aide (HCA)

T**hese changes became effective immediately on July 12, 2022 when filed as WSR 22-15-020.**

NCQAC is refiling these emergency rules to allow a registered nurse delegator to delegate nursing tasks to a NAR or HCA without verifying that the NAR or HCA has completed basic caregiver training. NCQAC is adopting emergency language to remove the requirement that a NAR must show proof of completion of basic caregiver training before performing any delegated nursing task.

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) provides basic caregiver training for NARs and HCAs. DSHS wasn't able to provide basic caregiver training due to COVID-19. Emergency rule provisions, first adopted in April 2020, allowed NARs and HCAs to perform delegated tasks without the training.

DSHS filed rules effective July 1, 2022 as WSR 22-12-081 to outline dates by which HCAs must complete basic caregiver training based on hire and rehire dates. These dates may extend through September 30, 2023, or within 120 days after the end of the COVID-19 training waivers established by the governor, (whichever is later). This emergency rule will be refiled every 120 days until DSHS resumes its standard training schedule. For more information, please contact: Shad Bell, Assistant Director of Operations, NCQAC.Rules@doh.wa.gov

Suicide Prevention Training Requirement for Nurses

Per RCW 43.70.442 RNs, LPNs, ARNPs must take a 6-hour suicide prevention course.

Visit DOH Suicide Prevention Training for Health Professionals for more information including the Model List of approved training programs.

Nursing Telemedicine Training Requirement for Nurses

Per RCW 43.70.495 RNs, LPNs, ARNPs who provide clinical services through telemedicine must complete telemedicine training.

The following training meets the requirements in the law:

- Washington State Healthcare Professional Telemedicine Training (NRTRC)

NCQAC advisory opinions on telehealth nursing:

- Nursing Telehealth Practice RN, LPN, NT, and NA
- Telehealth Advanced Practice Nursing Care Services

PDN Issues and Possible Pediatric Certified Nursing Assistant: I am working with Leslie Elder at Seattle Children's Hospital (SCH) on ways to expand care for medically fragile children in our state. Many of these children end up in our pediatric palliative care and hospice programs. Currently around 20 or more children are backed up in hospitals around the state because there is not enough private duty nursing to care for these kids in their homes. Meetings start next week with SCH to talk about how to develop an expanded program and perhaps even pay parents with appropriate training to take shifts with their child within specified boundaries.

RN and LPN Nurse Licensure Increase: The NCQAC is doing rulemaking with increased licensure fees up to 20% for LPNs and RNs. This will help to hire new employees to process licenses that got very backed up during the pandemic and was taking up to 6-7 weeks to process. This does not impact certified nursing assistants, but they are under review for fees with DOH.

LPN Apprenticeship Pilot Steering Committee Meeting: This group is an extension of the multiple years of work on the LTC Workforce Steering Committee. I am an official member of this workgroup and will continue to offer ideas from our association membership. The last meeting was on May 20,2022. This project is sponsored by the NCQAC and DOH. They are starting out with a pilot project in skilled nursing facilities (SNF).

Certified Nursing Assistant Skills Testing: There is a 5,000 CNA student back up with the Nursing Commission trying to get final skills testing to become certified. There are meetings with the Governor's Office and NCQAC to address the backlog. They are working with community colleges to hold big certification testing events around the state to address the backlog. As you are aware, hospice aides are certified nursing assistants and the backlog has impacted the entire health care system! More to come on this issue….

Health Care Authority (HCA)

Extension of the Public Health Emergency: HCA learned from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that the current COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) has been extended through October 13, 2022. According to HHS' letter to the Governors, the PHE may be extended in 90-day increments and HHS will provide states with 60 days' notice prior to termination. HCA will continue to share updates as new information becomes available, and communicate to clients, partners, and stakeholders before any eligibility changes take place.

Palliative Care Benefit for Medicaid, PEBB, SEBB: I received a status update from Evan Klein and Dr. Charissa Fotinos, Medicaid Director, at the Health Care Authority who are the policy leads for HCA. We discussed the state funding of $250,000 of the general fund for fiscal year 2023, began on July 1, 2022, and why we think that this would be applied to hiring a consultant to get the project moving. We need to design a standardized payment methodology for a palliative care benefit for the state Medicaid program and the employee and retiree benefits programs and this would help identify the areas that we may need additional funding to support. Charissa was going to take the proposal back to leadership to see if they could move forward with hiring a consultant.

Pediatric Palliative Care Rates: WSHPCO will be working on a rate increase for pediatric patients. The rate to our knowledge has never been raised and we would like it to reflect home health rates more closely.

Ongoing Public Policy Meetings

WA State Senior Citizens Lobby: I have been invited to speak at the August 15th meeting to talk about HCAW and WSHPCO efforts on legislative and regulatory issues. I will be presenting a 15-minute PowerPoint to the group virtually.

Dementia Action Collaborative: There was new legislation that passed in 2022 to continue the efforts of the DAC and update the state Dementia Plan. They will be changing around people who are currently Governor Appointments to the committee. I have been participating in the states Dementia Collaborative for several years but am not sure if I will make the cut. I will continue working on a various committees to make sure that they continue to include a in-home services representative on the collaborative.

WA State Telemedicine Collaborative: I participate in these meetings to follow issues closely related to providing telemedicine services in the home.

Palliative Care Roadmap Still Available!! We received good news from Pat Justis that DOH found grant money to reprint the roadmap. It's still posted on DOH Rural Health webpage, as well as the WA Rural Palliative Care Initiative portal To order: https://prtonline.myprintdesk.net/DSF/

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Preserving Access to Home Health Act of 2022 (S.4605), introduced by Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) currently has added a new cosponsor on the Senate side: Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME), Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)

The House Version (H.R. 8581) sponsored by Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL-07) has picked up five cosponsors in the house: ep. Terri Sewell (D-AL-7), Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL-16), Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX-28), Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-06), Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI-03), Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20.

Additional talking points:

Protect Home Health from Severe Medicare Cuts - Partnership for Quality Home Healthcare (pqhh.org)

Thank you to HCAW members who responded to the HCAW LAN request.

Certificate of Need rules for Home Health: Certificate of need rules for home health review still pending. No date yet. Leslie and I have had preparatory meetings with Marc Berg with a focus on educating board members and other participants regarding current rule and methodology. The current numeric methodology allows for a substantial number of additional agencies statewide. In addition, as a state we are not performing as well as we could on many metrics.

Choose Home Care Act 2021, S. 2562/H.R. 5514

The Choose Home Care Act of 2021, S. 2562/H.R. 1544 is a cost-effective and patient preferred home-based extended care benefit as a supplement to the existing home health benefit that supports patients to leave the hospital and recover at home with a mix of expanded skilled nursing, therapy, personal care, telehealth services and more. In this way, eligible patients can choose to recover at home in a safe home environment with appropriate (NAHC). You can read more at the NAHC fact sheet available here: ChooseHome_PQHHNAHC_062321[7][2].pdf This key piece of federal legislation continues into the 2022 legislative session. There are approximately 50 legislators who have signed on as co-sponsors. However, none of the WA state legislators have done so. See links below.

Cosponsors - H.R.5514 - 117th Congress (2021-2022): Choose Home Care Act of 2021 | Congress.gov | Library of Congress

https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2562/cosponsors?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22choose+home+care%22%2C%22choose%22%2C%22home%22%2C%22care%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=1