

Arizona In-Home Care Association April 20, 2020 Virtual Board Meeting Minutes

Those present: Zach Shaw Aaron Sinykin Lisa Martinez aka Lisa M
Steve Thompson Dayna Klecak Keffory Levy
Kathy Zepeda Monica Bananto Bob Dailey
Linda Thompson

Those Absent: Angie Rash Lisa McNaughton aka Lisa Mac

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 AM by Zach Shaw

Minutes: There was no discussion re. the minutes, Keffory moved to approve, Steve seconded the motion and all approved

Treasurers Report: There was discussion about the difference between 2019 and 2020 membership dues. Linda will research and report back to the board. Aaron moved to approve, with the caveat that the research would be done, Monica seconded and all approved.

Membership Contacts:

- Zach reported that he had spoken at Spotlight and Angie also participated. He talked about what AZNHA was doing for its members. He also participated on the Home Care Pulse webinar and that people reported being very happy about the work AZNHA was doing and the information being distributed. There were participants who are not AZNHA members and it may result in a few applications. He also reported that he had conversations regarding the 2020 conference and that speakers and sponsors appeared to be interested that the event was moving forward.
- Steve has had no chance to promote membership
- Monica – has spoken with Angel Care Home Health
- Lisa M has spoken with BrightStar Mesa and Home Care Assistance Phoenix (ownership change) and Integra Home Care (who may not qualify for membership)
- Keffory has talked with Urgent Home Care and a couple of others
- Kathy has not had the chance to do anything
- Dayna has no set list but talks to people daily. She will also use the Home Care Pulse list and contact from that list
- Aaron has not contacted anyone, but will work on the EPDPA members who are not AZNHA members and urge them to submit applications.

HCAoA Report: Steve reported that participated on a call to confirm the agenda for the April 23 Chapter Virtual Meeting. He said that they are learning what's happening within the industry now and what may change in the future.

EPDPA/Community Partnerships: Aaron has been working through the challenges with priority testing for the industry. He reported that MCOs will pay out 90% of the contracted rate, and that there is still come confusion regarding respite and they are looking for clarification on the 30 day services billing.

He reported that the MCOs, lobbyist and EPDPA are looking for a uniform approach from MCOs re. COVID-positive clients. They are also looking for allowances on family caregiver background checks during the crisis.

Bob mentioned that Banner reports that the antibody tests have not been approved and that there is no data on accuracy.

Aaron reported that he has been doing some internal (within his agency) testing and that he's finding that these tests are not accurate.

Bob mentioned a radio program that was playing interviews and information re. the crisis. He will send the details to Linda who will add it to the website.

Committee Reports:

Conference 2020: Monica reported that everything has been on hold for the past 30 days until a decision was made about going forward.

Zach said he wanted to go forward and that speakers are eager to participate. Keffory said that the event can be attended in person or live streamed and we could practice the 6' distancing for live and offer some type of PPE (masks) for live participants. He would like to see a speaker on contagious diseases. He also asked if there is a way to stream more than one session concurrently. He said the event would most likely have a new look re. vendors/sponsors/speakers due to the current bubble we're living in.

Attendees could register for the virtual option at a lower price. Zach committed to researching video teleconference capabilities and will report back.

Keffory mentioned sending a survey to AZNHA members in May asking their thoughts about an in-person vs. virtual event. Perhaps cap virtual participation to 100 attendees at \$50/each.

Dayna reported that Home Care Pulse had a 2 day virtual conference with registration at \$25/each. No sponsors. She also mentioned that Steve Tweed could do a Medicare update virtually, that there would be no travel or per diem costs incurred but there would be speaker fees.

12:30 PM – Bob dropped off the call

Zach mentioned that Angelo from Littler would most likely be the key note in lieu of Bob King.

Education: Dayna reported that Home Care Pulse did the April 8 session and that about 45 participants were online. The May 26 session will be a virtual meeting with Brianne Schmitz of Brookdale will be the speaker.

Zach said he would like to do a virtual meeting on the proper use of PPE. Linda said that if virtual meetings were going to continue, there was no reason to limit them to once per month, but if there were important subjects to be addressed, they could be scheduled every two weeks.

Aaron suggested that Holly Eide of Circle of Life may be interested in doing this session. Dayna will contact Holly to discuss further.

Communications: Zach will do a fireside chat right after this meeting, then perhaps do another one jointly with Krystal Wilkinson of HCAoA later.

Legislative: Steve reported that there was nothing new to report.

Benefits: Zach asked board members if they had reviewed the Littler and Dorado proposals, and no one had. He asked that they review these documents prior to the next meeting. He said that he had listened to a virtual Littler meeting and learned what other states are doing. He asked if AZNHA wants to do anything similar to the other states and Steve will research.

The Littler proposal is the legal tool kit and the Dorado proposal is for HR and benefits.

New Business:

Steve asked if anyone has clients or caregivers that are infected. Monica said not at this time. Dayna said that hospitals and SNFs are promoting hospice as a way to get people out of the hospitals and back home with their families. But that hospice and home health are not accepting COVID positive patients.

Zach said he had 4 COVID clients and 1 active caregiver. Lisa talked about how HOV was handling the challenge and the increase in patients HOV had recently experienced. Keffory said he is not accepting COVID clients due to lack of PPE and Aaron's agency is accepting COVID clients.

There was a lot of discussion about COVID-19 patients and how agencies and hospice are handling the challenge.

The next meeting will be virtual on Thursday, May 21 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM..

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 PM

Respectively submitted by
Linda Thompson, Board Administrator