

April 20, 2023 Virtual Board Meeting Minutes

Those present: Seth Layman Keffory Levy Korry Johnston
Stephanie Roberts Laurel Smith Daniel Stringer
Steve Alfonsi Zach Shaw Ralph Fern
Aaron Sinykin Linda Thompson Monica Bananto **joined at 12:03 PM**

Those Absent: Lisa Martinez

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 AM by Seth Layman

Minutes: No discussion. Keffory moved to approve, Aaron seconded the motion and all approved.

Treasurers Report: No discussion. Keffory moved to approve, Aaron seconded and all approved.

Membership Contacts: Seth asked each board member if they had made any contacts since the last meeting.

- Seth – WellSky (formerly Clear Care) and
- Daniel – Talking with Molina Health Care
- Ralph – None, but will try to get more information re. Home Instead status
- Keffory – no one
- Aaron – No one
- Zach – Reported on contacts made at Tucson event but gave no specific names
- Laurel – None
- Korry – Desert Family + one more
- Stephanie – 24 Hour Home Care

Committee Reports

EPDPA/Legislative: Aaron reported that there was an update to the DAT program around the EVV section so an adjustment has been made – Measurement period has been changed, threshold has been lowered and payout increased. Announcement about ARPA funding – at least \$40M and allowing agencies to submit for the funding – specifically for client assistance, not for caregivers. Letter writing campaign has begun. Stephanie set up a meeting with the group and Sen. Shope and more face-to-face meetings have been scheduled. There are a lot of new people requiring education on EPDPA and the ask; however, the people that have been there for a while understand and support what EPDPA is doing. The big issue is that there will be less money. They may end up pushing one-time funding but there's a risk in not continuing that funding the following year.

Their letter writing campaign has started. They are also going to push for one-time funding, but it comes with a risk – would prefer ongoing funding with no need to repeat process every year.

They are tracking the new minimum wage which looks to be a 70 cent increase, but is dropping.

He also met with the new AHCCCS director and is comfortable with her. They are in the process of educating her on EPDPA and their focus and mission.

HCAOA and the Health & Safety Committee: Keffory said there was nothing new to report. The AZ Chapter of HCAoA is planning their 2023 conference for May 3 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Admission is \$180 for members and \$360 for non-members.

Conference: In Monica's absence, Laurel listed speakers and Linda provided revenue numbers thus far. Steve asked for a comparison of 2023 numbers vs 2022 numbers and Linda will send that information to the board.

Education: Laurel has filled speaker slots through July. She was pleased with April's presentation.

Communications: Seth reported that Monica Kelly was featuring members on Facebook and asked the board if they wanted her to continue. Ralph said it could be added as an additional Member Benefit. Seth asked for board comments. Zach said that this type of post needs to be transparent so that the members know what's going on.

Benefits: Steve reported that he is working with PayChex to get discounts. He also said some of these companies offer a rebate which he believes should be passed back to the members.

Linda mentioned that ADT was a new member and Steve requested she send him ADT's contact information. He

Ralph reported that progress was being made with the caregiver training program; that it will be recorded and most likely posted on the AZNHA YouTube channel. Seth suggested the recordings be uploaded to the AZNHA YouTube channel, posted on AZNHA website and broadcast through social media.

Zach talked about what to put on the first recording – the purpose, definitions, and legalities, then talk about general messaging to the general public, but that this will take some funding.

Membership Committee for AZ beyond Phoenix: Zach reported on his event in Tucson; good turnout and he sent individual messages to all attendees. There was very little interest shown and he said if he could not generate more interest in a Tucson chapter, he wasn't going to take any more time on it.

New Business: Seth introduced Frances Lupoe to the entire board – she will be the Assistant to the Board Administrator and is in the training phase now, as well as having taken over the updates and collection of insurance ACORD forms from members.

Monica is talking with PNC Bank who has a wellness program that could benefit caregivers.

Linda offered Lisa's report

The next meeting will be virtual on Thursday, May 18, from 11:30 AM to 1:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 PM.

Respectively submitted by
Linda Thompson,
Board Administrator