



**PACAH FISCAL OFFICERS GROUP
Minutes**

January 16, 2015

CCAP Office, 2789 Old Post Road, Harrisburg, PA 17110

1. **Welcome & Introductions/E-mail Addresses** – Ed Frigo welcomed members, and asked them to go around the room and introduce themselves since there were some new faces. Kelly introduced Kim Deline, the new PACAH meeting and Marketing Manager and Erin Brady, the new PACAH intern. Everyone was encouraged to update their email address with Kim/Erin so that they could receive information on the OneList.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – A motion was made by Dennis Stauffer, and a second by Jamie Aurand to approve the meeting minutes from October 14, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. **County Home Study** – Kelly gave an overview of the county home study that was done by Carbis Walker. The study shows the trends in prior home privatizations, and what would happen if all of the remaining county homes were to follow that trend. The report will be available to members within the next week, and a conference call for members will occur to discuss advocacy. There was a member question about why rates tend to go up so significantly when a home is privatized. Members discussed that when this is the driver it can be maximized. The patient type also changes after privatization.
4. **Assessment Workgroup** – Kelly gave an overview of the assessment workgroup that is currently meeting with the state. John Smith, from Catholic Healthcare Services is the PACAH representative to this group. They are looking at ways to remodel the assessment to meet the B1/B2 test that is impacted by county homes selling. The current model that seems to be in the lead is a combination of including higher Medicaid homes in bottom tier, payments for quality measures, etc., but the county homes are not really impacted by any of these changes. There is discussion among the board and the fiscal management committee to ask

for an increase to the county home supplemental payment. The increase would be incremental to the private homes but could help county owned homes significantly.

5. **2015-2016 Budget** – Kelly gave an update on the 2015-2016 Budget. There is a projected deficit, promises by Governor Wolf to refund education, focus on Home and Community Based services. The new Governor also has an extra month to prepare a budget. Will keep members posted.

6. **OLTL Discussion** – Bonnie Rose, Deputy Secretary, Office of Long Term Living, gave an updates on the following issues. A copy of her handout is on the PACAH website:
 - FY 2014-2015 Commonwealth Budget
 - Nursing Home Assessment FY 2014-2015
 - Assessment Workgroup Discussions
 - FY 2014-2015 Budget Adjustment Factor
 - FY 2014-2015 CPE
 - FY 2014 P4P, County Supplemental Payment and Non-Public MDOI Payment
 - Nursing Facility rates payments, HAI, MDOI and P4P payments
 - PSAE Implementation/Billing/Reporting – have had one potential repor
 - Cost Report/Audit Change IT Process
 - HealthyPA impact
 - LTC Commission
 - Transition
 - LTC Grants – information is on website, similar to last grant program, submission due in 90 days. Will be issuing 10 grants, \$50,000, can't be to fund current requirement.
 - UMR – some members were told next year there will be no OBRA review because their rate was below 10%, and won't be reviewed nay longer. Bonnie said that they were looking to streamline, not sure that 10% is the threshold.
 - Athens Therapy – a member asked about the status of this facility reopening (used to be Ashton). Bonnie explained that they denied the bed request but they were overturned and bed request was ultimately granted.

7. **NaviHealth Issues** – Kelly and Ed asked the group if there were any updates on this, any more concerns. No one expressed any new issues; however, there was a question regarding Livanta and their right to deny services; specifically, stating that the individual does not qualify for skilled care. Member is following up. There were other member questions

regarding Aetna billing and timing, specifically, when 30 days were not billed all at once.

8. **PSAE Policy** – Kelly handed out policy to members.
9. **Future Remote Meeting Options** – Ed asked members if there was an interest, members expressed an interest in doing this at least once per year. Will ask fiscal committee to decide at next meeting.
10. **Other Issues** – Tom Mancill, Pocopson, updated members on a recent memo from CMS dealing with HIPPS Codes. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.