



North Dakota Long Term Care Association
Membership Meeting
Bismarck Municipal Country Club
Tuesday, May 2, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Cindy Tredwell, called the meeting of the North Dakota Long Term Care Association membership meeting to order at 10:50am, at the Bismarck Municipal Country Club, Bismarck, ND on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and Tim Kennedy, Secretary/Treasurer announced that there was a quorum.

3. ANTITRUST AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Cindy asked all present to read the Antitrust and Conflict of Interest Policy. No questions or comments regarding policy were asked.

4. CALL FOR OTHER BUSINESS

Cindy called for other business and there was none.

5. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 31, 2023 MINUTES

Cindy called for approval of the January 31, 2023 minutes.

**MOTION: RICK REGNER/KAYLEY CARTMILL MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 31, 2023 MEMBERSHIP MINUTES.
MOTION CARRIED.**

6. RECRUITMENT OF PRESIDENT UPDATE

President Search Committee met May 1st. Total of 22 applicants reviewed and 5 were chosen to be interviewed in July. The committee feels all 5 are good candidates for the position.

7. 2022 YEAR END FINANCIALS

Brad DeJong, with Eide Bailly, updated members on 2022 year end financials.

-Current Assets lower from 2021

-Several facilities closed

-Bedcount is down due to beds being put on layaway

-Emergency Preparedness Grant lower from 2021

-Convention expense higher due to in person more expensive than remote

-General operations expenses remain the same

8. 2022 NF DATABASE

Brad DeJong provided a summary to the members. The final database was sent to nursing facility administrators in March.

9. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Shelly updated members on the 2023 Legislative Session.

-Legislative priorities were identified by members early in the session

-BC inflator increased to 3.5%

-Personal needs allowance increased \$35 for both NF and BC

- Not sure when this will go into effect, hoping July 1

-Funding for Quality Initiative

Dr. Gifford will have a session at the convention regarding quality measures

4 Criteria Items

\$8 million per year starting January 1, 2024

-Funding to create an office of legal immigrations

-This program will maximize opportunities for bringing people to ND

-Benefit all types of businesses

-Additional funding for guardianship

-Last minute integrity audits were added

10. 2023 FRANK L. WEDGE DISTRIBUTUION

Shelly informed members 20 facilities will receive distribution from the Frank Wedge Fund. There are 10 facilities that remain to receive distribution in the current cycle.

These 10 facilities will be the first to receive distribution in 2024.

New application cycle will open January 1, 2024.

11. NORTH CENTRAL SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE

Dr. Berg and Dr. Hetland spoke to members about participation in The North Central Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Organization. Medical Directors are encouraged to participate in this group.

12. CONVENTION UPDATE

Peggy Krikava, Education Director, provided an update to members.

- Thank you to the Convention Committee
- 759 registered
- Registration tonight from 4:00-8:00 p.m. PLEASE BRING YOUR NAME BADGE, which you should have received last week.
- Friday sessions have changed locations from what is listed in the book/schedule at a glance. Please see updated room locations on the app or reference the addendum in your packet.
- Handouts are online and will be available for one month following the convention. See page 5 of your booklet for website and login information.
- In your packet, in the Convention booklet, and on posters through the convention, you will find three separate QR codes.
 - One is for session evaluations which can be completed after each session.

- Another is for Overall Convention Evaluation which can be completed at any time during the Convention or after
- The third QR Code is for your ONLINE Certificate of Attendance! After the Convention, you will be able to log into the COA website with your name and registration confirmation number and print your COA. It will take about a week before they will be available so that your scanned hours can be verified. NOTE: it is your responsibility to be sure you get scanned in and out of your sessions to get your hours pulled over to the COA.
- Hot breakfast all three days and lunch Wednesday and Thursday in the Bismarck Event Center exhibit halls.
- Opening Keynote will be at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday. We will recognize our board members and our 31 sponsors at the beginning of the opening keynote. Sam Glenn is our opening keynote. Sam will be painting a picture during his keynote and you will get a chance to bid on the print throughout the Convention and take it home with you.
- The Expo is Wednesday from 9:30-1:00. Please be sure to stop by and thank our sponsors for their support as you go through the Expo. We could not do what we do without their support.
 - * if you need a new professional photo, stop by booth # 206. Jesse Knutson Photography will be taking photos. He will send all photos to us after the Convention, and we will get them to you.
 - *If you ordered Convention Apparel, stop by the Capital Trophy booth #100 to pick up your order
- Wednesday evening is the Gala Social and Dinner. The social starts at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner and awards will be at 7:00 p.m. Both will be in Hall A. Gala Dinner tickets can be picked up at the Gala Dinner Registration Table in the lobby. We have assigned seating for all.
- Thursday at 5:30 p.m. will be the Fun Run for Nurse Scholarship at the Sertoma Park shelter #7. If you would like to registration or donate, please stop by booth #101 at the Expo on Wednesday.
- Thursday evening is the Theme Hospitalities and the Johnny Holm Band at the Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center (formally Ramkota Hotel). Theme Hospitalities starts at 6:30 p.m. in the courtyard suites and the dance starts at 8:30 p.m. **Wristbands are required, so please be sure to wear yours.** If you need to purchase one, you can stop by the registration desk. The cost to attend is \$40.
- Cherished Hopes Raffle and Bucket Draw will be set up in the lobby. Be sure to buy tickets.
- Upcoming trainings which you can find more information on our website www.ndltca.org/education
 - Administrator's Conference – July 25-28, 2023. Chase on the Lake, Walker, MN
 - RAC-CT Training – August 8-10, 2023 – TBT
 - Fall Conference – September 25-28, 2023 – Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND
 - Quality Awards Workshops
 - Bronze – September 25, 2023- In-person (in conjunction with Fall Conference)
 - Silver – August 2023. Virtual
 - MDS Updates & Area of Impact – June 8, 2023. Virtual
 - See the flyer in your packets. Training will cover updates that will go into effect as of 10/1/2023

- MDS Mastermind – 8-week webinar series in August 2023

13. **EMERGENCY PLANNING REPORT**

Vanessa Raile provided an update.

- We had some good news come just yesterday that we have been waiting for!

1. CMS announcement yesterday (5/1/23) – QSO-23-13- ALL.
 - a. Lessen NHSN reporting – Going from 3 modules to 2 modules – by 12/31/24. Reporting of vaccinated residents and staff will remain.
 - b. No more reporting of positive cases of COVID to residents, responsible parties, families.
 - c. Staff COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements/Mandate remains. As this was included in the interim rule, it takes a bit longer to make this change. So, it will be in effect but ending soon.
 - d. Requirement for educating residents and Staff remains until at least 5/24/23.
 - e. Resumption of completing full-scale exercises. Must be completed within the next calendar year.
 - f. 3-day hospital stay waiver ends.
 - g. COVID-19 Testing Requirement ends with the PHE. Still is important when known COVID cases are found in your facilities.
 - h. As of the Beginning of 2024, state survey teams will no longer conduct additional focused Infection Control Surveys.
 - i. Pre-Admission Screening and Annual Resident Review (PASAARR) resume. Residents are required for PASAARR prior to admission.
2. CDC will be ending the County/Community Transmission maps at the end of the PHE. It is unknown at this time what the new requirement will be which will trigger testing, masking, etc. regarding infection control guidance.
3. This year's convention offers good Emergency Preparedness & Response sessions:
 - a. Table top exercise for Severe Storm – knocking out main generator, etc. – needs for durable equipment from the Medical Cache.
 - b. Planning a full-scale exercise – with the requirement resuming and the state not offering evacuation training and resident tracking at this year's convention, this is a great session to learn how to conduct a full scale exercise.
 - c. Run, Hide, Fight – Active Shooter session with ND DES instructor.
 - d. Infection Control IS Resident Care.
 - e. Communication in a Crisis – What do you do when you have an actual event, what if your social media blows up?
4. If you are looking for help with Evacuation and HC Standard Resident tracking training – Contact Duane Ell at the state. DBELL@nd.gov or call the ND HHS DOC – 701-328-0707.
5. New MOA for Vulnerable Populations for 2023/2024 – I am still waiting on this template from the state. There will be an additional form included which informs that the state

looks for availability of bed in the case of an evacuation. This is due to CMS surveys that were looking for a designated LTC facility for transfer to.

6. A New Program for Incentives for CNA and other frontline staff to take the Project Firstline training. This was funded by a COVID grant that the ND HHS – Disease Control was awarded for training of staff in LTC. There is a \$250 incentive payment for the first 80 completions of the course. Flyer in your handout.
7. A new healthcare worker Apprenticeship program will be available through BSC. They were awarded a grant through the DOL. We are looking for facilities to join the advisory committee or want to participate as an employer who allows the program to be in their facilities. This is a step up program where an employee could earn their certificate for CNA while working in your building, then their certificate for CMA (Certified Medication Aide), then go on to LPN and RN. This is a great way to increase your employees!

14. APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Annette Martel and Brooke Krapp spoke to members regarding a new healthcare worker apprenticeship program. The program is available thru BSC. BSC was awarded a grant through the DOL.

15. NDLTCA-PAC EVENT

Reier Thompson, Community Chair, spoke to members regarding today's event and 2023 PAC Membership.

Upcoming events include 18 hole golf tournament and a wine/painting event at the Administrator Conference.

16. COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Community Service Awards were distributed by Shelly and Cindy. Members were recognized for their years of service.

Chair Cindy Tredwell adjourned meeting at 12:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Kennedy, Secretary/Treasurer