



**Network Council
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2008
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Members Present:

**Dawn Anderson, HomeCare Management
Cynthia Benjamin, PBH Provider Relations
Diana Duncan, Diana's HomeCare, Inc.
Jeanne Duncan RHA
Angela Gill-Graham, PBH QM
Neils Eskelsen, Finance/PBH
John Hufton, CFAC
James W. Johnson, S.T.E.P.S.
Developmental Academy, Inc.
David Jones, UM/PBH**

**Flay J. Lee, Hope Haven, Inc.
Tina Kennon, Consumer Rep.
Deborah Rice, FSD
Melissa Rivera, RHA
Bonnie Schell, PBH Consumer Affairs
Darlene Steele, PBH QM
Dr. Robin Susser, Provider Relations/PBH
Billy West, Daymark Recovery Services, Inc.**

**Absent: Craig Hummel, MD, PBH/UM, John Tillman, Excel
Peggy Terhune, Monarch
Arlana Dobson-Sims, Sims Consulting & Clinical Services, Inc.
Tammy Gilmore, PDS/PBH, Chuck Hill, Provider Relations/PBH**

Guests: None

- A. Welcome and Call to Order - Flay J. Lee**
Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.
- B. Meditation Reading - Flay J. Lee**
Flay asked everyone to take part in a 1 minute exercise. To take that one minute of silence for mind relaxation.
- C. Network Council Reports - Flay J. Lee**
After review of minutes, a motion was made by David Jones and second by James Johnson to approve the minutes with corrections and motion carried. Minutes approved.

John Hufton, of Davidson County, was introduced as the newly appointed CFAC member Replacing Ann Medlin effective immediately November 6, 2008. Everyone introduced themselves to John and welcomed him to the council.

State Budget Reductions Report was presented to the council by David Jones and Neils Eskelsen. Pam Shipman is also working on these budget reductions along with them which is being required by the Division for all LME's across the board to take a state funds reduction. LME's are being told to reduce state spending budget by \$807,000.00 for this fiscal year. PBH is reducing its Administrative cost by \$75,000.00 and the balance will come out of Service dollars. David expressed that these cuts will definitely impact the service arena this year ('08 - '09). Further discussion and questions was had in which both Neils and David addressed. David then stated that they would like for the council to be

present at each break-out session of the Provider Meeting to help address any questions and/or concerns that the Network of Providers may have. Members of this council agreed to be present and support the LME with this issue at our meeting next week. Neils reported that Finance will send out the communication bulletin.

Nominations for the Council have been made. Diana will follow-up with the nominees for their bio's to be sent to Eliza and inform them to be present at the November Meeting for the voting process. Angela Gill-Graham, James Johnson and John Hufton all volunteered to work with the nominating committee as needed.

Request for Speaker(s) in 2009 – Flay and his executive cabinet, thought this would be a way of getting more providers involved, especially our LIP's. This is a group of Providers that will not or cannot commit or conform and we will keep working and have continued discussions on how to get their attendance at the meetings. Darlene Steele expressed that there is so much going on for providers, with National Accreditation and other State Reform requirements are reasons that the meeting numbers are down also. Dawn Anderson expressed agreement with that. Flay also expressed to the council that our break-out meeting agenda needed to be mainly action items this month as to allow more time for question(s) and answer(s) regarding the State Budget Reduction Report. At this time the agenda stands with 1.) Election of Council Members Process 2.) Gold Star Process Update 3.) State Funding Reductions 4.) Announcements/Trainings

- D.** Development of Agenda for Break-out Provider Meeting **November 14, 2008**
- E.** **The next Network Council Meeting is January 6, 2009**

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Diana Duncan

Date Approved: 1.06.09

Signature of the Chairperson: 