



DEEP RIVER VISITING NURSES

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BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Rick Daniels at 7:40 P.M.

PRESENT: R. Daniels, A. Taber, C. Marien, S. Taylor

EXCUSED: B. Famighetti, J. Grabek

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary's report of November 12 was read and accepted. No meetings were held in December or January. A motion was made by S Taylor and seconded by R. Daniels to accept the report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:
The treasurer's report was read by C. Marien. She noted that the billing was being completed and checks were coming in. (A copy of the report is included).

ADMINISTRATOR/SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:
We were contacted by McBee Associates in late October of last year with the offer for them to review claims that we had submitted to Medicare in the previous 18 months to see if we would be eligible for any further reimbursement. They were able to review a limited number of submitted claims and found that we might be eligible for up to \$2500. I provided them with the necessary information in order for them to correct/adjust and resubmit those claims in question. The reviewers complimented us on the fact that we had the lowest amount of possible resubmissions in all of the agency claims that they have reviewed. Their recovery fee for this service is 30% of what they find and recover, so it is a "win-win situation" as Steven Covey would put it.

There are many issues on the horizon facing home healthcare agencies. Among them is one that has already been a problem for us – the issue of timely submission of claims and subsequent reimbursement. I have asked Tim Jones from CareAnywhere to join us tonight to speak about this and possible solutions therein.

Tim Jones did attend our meeting and explained the computer concept of handling the problem.

CLINICAL/HOME CARE
Our case load has been holding steady between 22 - 32. This is good because it is not mostly long term care patients any longer. We actually only have 5 long-term clients on the census.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Influenza A has been confirmed numerous times in this area. We still have flu shots available and the CDC has recommended that immunizations should be given until April 30th.

SOCIAL SERVICES

We continue to meet the community need as requested. The Thanksgiving and Christmas food, gift and money donations were markedly less this year, but in the end, we were able to provide for 74 families. During the campaign for donations, it was noted that there are other various agencies in our town doing the same thing. I am thinking a combined effort would be much more helpful to all and we would like to explore the possibility

We are now the "Deep River Fuel Bank" for Operation Fuel. As such, we not only serve the residents of Deep River, but 13 surrounding towns. We have processed over 80 applications for fuel assistance (the majority of them from Deep River residents) and given out over \$17K in fuel grants. Our agency will be paid \$5 for each application that is processed, granted and paid. Enclosed is a copy of this year's criteria for Operation Fuel.

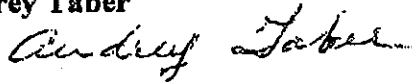
A motion was made by S. Taylor and seconded by R. Daniels to accept the Supervisor's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

We still need more Board members.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. by S. Taylor and seconded by R. Daniels

Audrey Taber



Secretary – Board of Directors

The next meeting will be held on March 11, 2009.