

Health Care Providers Council of Pierce County
“Enhancing the Lives of the Seniors We Serve”



February 2009
Newsletter

Our next meeting is March 12, 2009 at 7:30 a.m., at Life Manor, 1609 S. Union Ave., Tacoma, WA
Wonderful Full Breakfast is \$6 or Coffee is \$2 Dues are \$50 per year, per individual

Don't forget to pay your 2009 Membership dues!!
You can pay at the meeting or online at the HCPC website!
Beginning in March only current, paid members will receive the newsletter!

Presidential Corner – Happy New Year!

Greetings!

We started out the month with a vendor fair on the 3rd of February at Jackson Hall with Multi-care. There are many more opportunities for you to “show your stuff” with hospital discharge planners and care managers at St. Joseph Medical Center, St. Clare and a possible chance at Madigan Hospital.

Your 2009 board is continuing to research many other options for you to obtain value for your HCPC membership. As was voted last month, there will be an Alzheimer's Caregiver Conference (date and time to be determined) and the possibility of additional After Hours events.

I would like to encourage you to sign up for these and other committees at our next meeting on February 12th. It will give you an opportunity to work with some folks that you might not normally work with and develop relationships which will increase the value of your membership.

As always, I'm proud to be a part of this wonderful council for the betterment of senior lives. What we do on a daily basis, without any thought of personal gain or monetary value is priceless.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on February 12th.

Warmly, Melissa Martin, President, HCPC

February Meeting Sponsor – CayCare

CayCare is not your average placement agency. We use the most advanced technology to assist our clients. Our matching process aids the facility in receiving potential clients that would not otherwise choose them or confirm that the client made the right decision. We are not just helping with the placement; we educate our families so they are empowered to make great decisions about their loved one beyond the placement. Our team works so closely together that the family feels truly supported. Our experienced staff includes nursing and social services backgrounds that allow us to give the most thorough and advanced help. Our team assists in getting all services the client should receive and insurance will pay for. The family is in control of every aspect of the decision. Since our staff are not competing to work with the client there is not multiple calls inundating the family. Our company has a true team philosophy.

February Speaker – Sally Nixon

The 2009 Legislative Session promises to be one of the most challenging in memory due to a now \$6-billion budget deficit. Sally Nixon, Manager of Pierce County Aging and Long Term Care, will review the Governor's Aging and Disability Services budget, provide an overview of major changes and program cuts that are proposed and describe the likely impact that some budget decisions will have on services to older adults. She will also address the short-term budget cuts that ADSA is preparing for the remainder of the current fiscal year. The presentation will also include tips on advocating with legislators during the session.

Event Registration Process Clarification

There seems to be some confusion with how the Board accepts registration for events, etc. The process is the same it has been for the last several years, but a review is great reminder for new and existing members. Applications are accepted via fax on a first-come, first-served basis. We do this so that no preference is given and all applications are time-stamped

in case any concerns are raised. Most event space is limited so there are always more applications than space available.

An invoice and confirmation are then sent out to those who made the cut. **If you do not receive a confirmation or invoice it means that you do NOT have a table/reservation/etc. Do not send a check unless you receive an invoice.**

We hope this helps.

St. Clare Hospital Vendor Fair

The St. Clare Hospital Vendor Fair is fast approaching! March 10th from 8:00 a.m. -12:00 Noon, with set-up from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$75 and registration is first come, first served. Please submit your registration on Friday, February 13th no earlier than 9:30 a.m.

Please note the registration for Tacoma General Fair was filled within a few minutes, so it is important to submit right away. **You will be notified if you have a table at the event. If you do not get notification it means that you do not have a table, please do not send payment.**

Committee Sign-up

2009 is going to be a busy year! A committee sign-up sheet will be distributed at the meeting to members. Opportunities to help out include the Alzheimer's Conference Committee, Educational Conference Committee, Holiday Party Committee and After Hours Planning Committee. HCP success depends on our wonderful membership and volunteerism, so please sign-up to serve on a committee!

Membership Events Calendar

Please email any event you would like included to Carmen Helle-Doud at carmenhelle-doud@fhshealth.org by the 21st of the month. Email needs to include: name of event, date, time and location.

Upcoming Calendar

March 12th – Networking

April 9th – Speaker

May 14th – Networking

June 11th – Speaker

July 9th – Networking

August 13th – Speaker

September 10th – Networking

October 8th – Speaker

November 12th – Networking

December 10th – Holiday Party

Board meetings are held the last Thursday of the month

8:00 a.m. at Ben Dews Restaurant

Members Welcome

2009 Board Members

President: Melissa Martin, The Villas-Union Park

Vice President: Kelly Smith, Visiting Angels

Secretary: Carmen Helle-Doud, Franciscan Lifeline

Treasurer: Terry Voeller, Spring Ridge Retirement

Members-at-Large:

Tiernan Andrews, Olympic Alzheimer's Residence

Debbie Baker, The Weatherly Inn

Therese Brown, Woodmark at Steele Lake

Lori Morales, Highline Medical Center

Melinda Schultz, Gentiva Health Services

Don't forget to pick up your material on the back table after each meeting!

Job Postings

To submit a job posting for the HCPC newsletter, please email a brief (less than 30 words) description to Carmen Helle-Doud at carmenhelle-doud@fhshealth.org by the 25th of the month.

Seeking a career change? Long Term Care Financial Partners insurance agents can earn six figures, residuals and dividends. Recruiting for Pacific NW and every state. Contact: tom.brown@lctcfp.net , 253.225.6815, www.tvbconsulting.com

Puget Sound home health is looking for a Physical Therapist to add to our team . . . We offer a \$12,000 sign-on-bonus and a gas card. To inquire further about the position please call Shannon Mays, Administrator, at (253) 581-9410

Position Available – Dietary Manager – Please contact Terry Voeller at Spring Ridge Retirement 253-474-1093.

Dir. of Sales/Mktg position at Life Care Center of Puyallup is open to applicants with exp. in ext. mktg and adm for long term care services. Send resume to Attn: Kevin Fletcher, E.D., 511 10th Ave SE, Puyallup, WA 98372. If you have questions, call Darla McQueen at (253) 278-5541.

2009 Member Dues \$50

Your HCPC membership includes email updates and newsletters, opportunity to introduce yourself at networking meetings, vendor and sponsorship opportunities.
Treasurer's report is available upon request.

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