

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



November 2009
Newsletter

**Our next meeting is November 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**

President's Message

Whahoo! We had a wonderful event at the Landmark Convention Center on October 14th. Over 100 discharge planners, social workers, care managers came to learn about all of the services that our members provide. My sincere thanks to everyone who helped with “Making the Link”.

This month's meeting will be very interesting. Normally we would host a networking meeting but due to the importance of the topic, the Board decided to make a change. Representatives from Multicare and Franciscan Health Systems will be educating us on the up and coming RAC audits and how they will affect our seniors and our communities. Please bring your Executive Directors and Nursing staff. This is a very important topic.

Also, we will be accepting nominations for next year's HCPC board as well as nominations for your favorite senior-orientated charity. I look forward to seeing you all on November 12th.

Take care!

Melissa Martin, President, Healthcare Provider's Council of Pierce County

November Membership Meeting – RAC Information

The Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC) will be heading our way shortly and it is important that providers have information on how this program will affect our services and our seniors. This is an excerpt from www.racaudits.com, “Under the program, RAC audits focus on CMS established payment criteria and consist of both automated claims history reviews from the CMS database as well as complex clinical reviews of patient medical records. Specific areas of concentration include those similar to CMS audits such as Medicare PSC audits, Medicare ZPIC audits and Medicaid Integrity Contractor audits (MIC audits) - "not medically necessary services" (or those not meeting the established CMS clinical payment criteria), non-covered services, incorrectly coded claims, duplicate services and incorrect payment amounts.”

We will have representatives from Multicare and Franciscan Health Systems at the November membership meeting to discuss the audits and answer questions.

November Meeting Sponsor – Nursecall Northwest

Nursecall Northwest provides cost-effective Wireless Emergency Call Systems i.e. “Nursecall Systems” for senior living communities. We love working with clients who wish to better their quality of care and improve caregiver response times for the emergent needs of their residents. Our clients enjoy piece of mind knowing that when their residents need help, our Wireless Nursecall System is instantly notifying their on-site staff, as well as keeping a response time record of each and every call.

We also provide Wireless Fall Prevention Systems and Wander Prevention Systems to further assure that residents stay safe and happy in your community. Our mission is to help as many senior living communities as possible provide the safest minimally intrusive care.

Holiday Party Information

The Holiday Party will be meeting after the membership meeting on November 12th. We need some more members to help with the planning of the December Holiday Party! Please join us to help celebrate the end of a successful 2009!! Also, we will again be collecting blankets, scarves, socks, mittens, etc. at the December meeting.

Nominations!

The 2009 year has gone by so quickly and it is now time to think about nominations for our annual gifting and the 2010 Board! Each year HCP gives donations to several senior related organizations and nominations are now being accepted. Attached are the nomination forms for both the gifting and Board nominations. Please consider running for a position and talk to your fellow members about supporting this great organization.

Nominations will be accepted at the November meeting or you can email them to Carmen Helle-Doud at carmenhelle-doud@fhshealth.org. Show your support and keep HCP going!!

Holiday Party

Upcoming Calendar

November 12th – RAC Update

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

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.

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.

Do you or someone you know have sales experience? Senior Media Services is seeking experienced advertising sales representative for our monthly newspaper and annual resource directory (The Senior Scene and Where To Turn). Seniors, retired and those interested in part-time work are encouraged to apply. Contact Bonnie Dickson at (253) 722-5687 or email at bdickson@lcsnw.org for additional information.

SecureHorizons and Evercare by UnitedHealthcare Medicare Solutions is looking for **Licensed Health Insurance Producers** in the Medicare Sales division to be part of our Independent Agent Program in various counties such as Pierce, Kitsap, King Counties etc. If you are a self-motivated individual with strong desire to succeed and a **current license to sell health insurance**, we look forward to meeting with you to discuss this wonderful opportunity. Contact Kim Vilaire at 206.437.3227.

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

"AGING OPTIONS" is seeking experienced Social Worker to work as a Geriatric Care Manager. The position directs the care plan and interventions designed for elderly individuals and families. A successful track record indicating a working knowledge of geriatric care issues, experience working with elders, seniors, family dynamics and interventions, education and training, supervision, quality assurance and customer service is required. Minimum of 2-3 years of experience. Email your resumes along with salary expectation to shaq2007@gmail.com.

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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