



Executive Board Meeting Minutes March 18, 2021 – 1:00p – 3:00p – AFH Council Via Zoom

Meeting called to order by: Bonnie Bruce

Minutes taken by: Maria Chiechi

Attendees: Gene Nassen, Rey Aquinde, Jenna Hester, Daniela Torkelson, Bonnie Bruce, Dorothy Schlimme, Edwin Bondoc, Jeannie Schmid, Amelia Hertog, Joe Stephens, John Ficker and Maria Chiechi

Agenda Item #1: Call meeting to order @ 1:05p **Presenter:** Gene Nassen

Agenda Item #2: Approval of February 18, 2021 meeting minutes

Discussion: None – **Motion to approve, 2nd, approved unanimously.**

Agenda Item #3: Fiscal Report **Presenter:** John Ficker

Discussion: Fiscal report provided to board members. Still on same course. Likely to leave a small deficit. Catchup payments needed to be made. 1,810 members to break even budget for next year. Things look good going forward with significant monies in savings.

Agenda Item #4: Legislative Report **Presenter:** Maria Chiechi

Senate to release their budget on March 23. Our proviso language was submitted/sponsored by Senator Warnick. John and Maria have met with almost all the money committee members to ask for their support. Collective Bargaining Agreement funding is in Governor's budget and we are confident it will be funded in the final budget. Other bills we are watching. **HB 1218** *Improving health, safety, and quality of life for residents in long-term care facilities.* Included AFH's in beginning, John and Maria successful in getting AFH's carved out of this bill. **HB 1120** *Concerning state of emergency operations impacting long-term services and supports.* Allowing DSHS to turn training, background checks, inspections, etc. to be turned back on post pandemic. **SB 5160** - *Addressing landlord-tenant relations by providing certain tenant protections during and after public health emergencies, providing for legal representation in eviction cases, and authorizing landlord access to state rental assistance programs.* Does not apply to adult family homes. **SB 5169** - *Concerning provider reimbursement for personal protective equipment during the state of emergency related to COVID-19.* Requires health plans to reimburse health care providers who bill for incurred PPE expenses. **SB 5294** - *Concerning the creation of statewide epidemic preparedness and response guidelines for long-term care facilities.* Requires the Dept of Health to consult with interested stakeholders to develop a report and guidelines on epidemic preparedness and response for long-term care facilities.

Agenda Item #5 – Executive Director Report **Presenter:** John Ficker

Discussion: Discussion on written update provided to board members. **Spring Conference** – Save the Date for May 5, 2021, preliminary details provided. **Strategic Planning** event – Last years went south with COVID, looking at the June 17th board meeting, thinking about an

outdoor event at a park, 9 or 10a to 2:00p-mid-afternoon. Joe suggested to dust of the old strategic plan to go forward. Suggestion to use new facilitator. Edwin would like copy of old plan. **COVID** – Governor anticipated press conference for new guidance. N95 CB demand to bargain, state has taken position that L&I is not part of agreement, John is arguing this position. John spoke with our attorney, they will take to judge to get clarification of who are parties to Collective Bargaining.

Agenda Item #6 – Dues Consideration

Discussion: Discussion on Dues considerations paper provided by John. Bonnie - Wants marketing, feedback of two providers stating the AFH is invaluable. Edwin – Could we have a special session on how to recruit more members? John – Yes, we can do in strategic planning. Daniela – Can we mandate new licensees to become members? John – No, the supreme court decision in 2014 made it no longer to legal to require dues to be paid to a union. Joe – suggestion to get information together to increase dues up \$10 per month beginning 7-1-21. Rey – suggests a tangible reason to increase dues. Jeannie – suggests this year is the wrong time to raise dues. Edwin – agreed. Bonnie – suggest taking a year to plan and promote increase. Rey – similar suggestion. Joe – Could we increase at beginning of the year instead of fiscal July 1? Consensus of the board is that dues should be increased. **Motion by Joe to implement \$10 per month increase in dues beginning July 1, 2022, Bonnie 2nd, passed unanimously.** John suggests for board to think about going forward with dues increase.

Agenda Item #7 – Round Table

Bonnie – Long Term Care Foundation – have they considered training for CNA vs Homecare Aide – No, CNA belongs to Dept of Health and Homecare Aide belongs to DSHS.

Edwin – Questions on indoor visitation – Will be learning more this afternoon.

Jeannie – CNA training should include on the job.

Amelia – CDC release March 8 for vaccinated people no mask requirements. Does not apply to long term care facilities. When will inspections resume? Possible this summer.

Joe – Hospital discharges, \$106 - \$109 assessments, looks like social workers has side gig going on, circumventing our process. ETR's are making up 10% of rates. Joe suggestion is to collect same issues with fellow providers.

Dorothy – Resident being dropped off. Have provider call the office if they are a member.

Jenna – Question on Guidance and Governor's proclamation's – will hear more this afternoon

Rey – Question – same as Jenna's

Daniela – none

Geno - none

Agenda Item #7: Adjourn – 2:27p