



IL-HPCO NEWSLETTER

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

IL-HPCO is growing under new leadership and staff management. Consolidations and new delivery models are rapidly changing in Illinois and all Providers will need to understand how these changes will impact them in order to remain strong and grow. IL-HPCO is poised as the conversation-starter for identifying and creating these new models of care and insuring success of its members.

We have been busy for the last three months evaluating the value proposition for members, communicating with Provider Members, moving all members to a dues-based calendar year, rebuilding a membership database, transitioning to new management and reinforcing infrastructure. Since the last publication of this communication the following has occurred:

- 2016 Strategic Plan with assigned Tasks: Adding Member Value; Attract New Members; Strengthen Financial Position and Operating Results and; Best Practices in Organization Structure.
- New Bylaws
- Five Committees appointed and meetings scheduled (Executive, Governance, Finance, legislative and Education)
- Five Workgroups appointed and meetings scheduled (Communications, Veterans, Membership, Partnership and Healthcare Transformation)
- Scheduling more than 70 meetings of committees and workgroups to achieve the activities assigned to them from the Strategic Plan
- New Website with robust and relevant content, and an exciting members-only area launching in early April

Be prepared to see new programs to be offered to IL-HPCO members. Please communicate with the Newsletter Editor about any ideas you may have to make IL-HPCO a relevant and meaningful organization.

EDUCATION NEWS - Ronda Dudley, RN, BC, BS, MBA-Memorial Home Services, Home Health & Hospice Director

The 2016 Annual IL-HPCO Educational Conference will be held on September 21-22 in Chicago at the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council, located above Union Station in the loop. The conference will begin on Wednesday, September 21 at 5:30 with a Welcome Reception, followed by dinner with Martha L. Twaddle, MD FACP FAAHPM as the Speaker. Thursday, September 22, will begin with Laurie Guest as the Keynote Speaker following by CEU Concurrent Sessions, including Jennifer Kennedy from NHPCO and two speakers from Palmetto GBA. We will finalize speakers and topics and begin registration in the late Spring. It is sure to be relevant and timely. Please get it on your calendars!

VETERANS' CORNER -Nancy Sehy, RN, Hospice Manager, Lincolnland Hospice

ILLINOIS NORTHERN TIER HPV MEETING

Tuesday, March 1st, 2016
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home
17W201 Roosevelt Road, Oakbrook Terrace, IL

This is an open meeting and all interested organizations are invited to join us as we discuss expanding membership, delineating priorities, providing education and sharing successes.

RSVP is required by February 26: phone Diane Nowak **708-385-0132** or email diane.nowak@dignitymemorial.com. If you have questions about the Hospice-Veteran Partnership call 608-372-1217 or email jolene.renda@va.gov.

REGULATORY and PAYMENT

Illinois Department of Health and Family Service (IDHFS) released a provider Notice titled ‘New Two-Tier Routine Home Care (RHC) Rates and End of Life Service Intensity’ which describes how IDHFS will be implementing the change in payment structure for hospice services under Medicaid. For more information go to this link below to review the notice.

<http://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/notices/Pages/prn160129a.aspx>

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