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DISTRICT 1 & 8 Meeting

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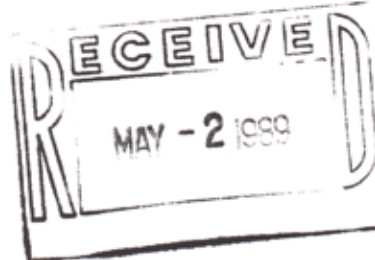
February

6th Annual OLDER KANSANS DAY
AT THE LEGISLATURE
Topeka (See page 17 for details)

February 15-16

DISTRICT 4 Meeting
Oskaloosa Library, Oskaloosa
10:00 a.m.

March 7



DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 4 - Judy Bellome & Debbie Nickels

The District 4 meeting was held on Jan. 10 at the Oskaloosa Library. Alternates were chosen: Ed Lewis of Southview Homecare, Louisburg, KS; and Susan Smart of St. John Hospital Home Health Agency, Leavenworth.

Lenora Larson addressed the group on plans for the Annual Meeting. She requested ideas for educational programs, especially in the areas of rural and/or public health and home health.

Linda Lubensky led a discussion on a review of levels of aides, how this issue evolved and what Home Care has to do to meet the industry's needs. Problems include limited people resources for HHA, expense for training and the difficulties in some areas in Kansas to find the HHA classes. Are we limiting ourselves by requiring too many hours between levels? Board members want comments on the model curriculum that was in the last newsletter. Please voice your opinion.

Nurse Practice Act: Please refer to Linda's testimony and contact your legislator concerning these points.

District 4 representatives will be contacting those agencies who have not renewed their KHCA membership.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 7,

10:00 a.m., Oskaloosa Library. Jim Eggar, BSN INS from Home Parenteral Services, will be giving a program on Access Devices.

DISTRICT 5 - Trish Berns, R.N.

District 5 held its meeting on Jan. 18 in Salina. Sister Dominic Haug spoke on discrete costing, proposed changes in the Nurse Practice Act and suggestions for two levels of Home Health Aides.

EXCERPTS OF MINUTES

KHCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 13, 1989, 10:00 a.m.
Salina-Saline County Health Department

In attendance were Sister Dominic Haug, Marcel Lauppe, Jane Binder, Pat Curtis, Freida Schmid, Debbie Nickels, Connie Hanson, Lenora Larson, Darlene Hall, Nancy Buer, Trish Berns, Billie Groth, Judy Bellome and Linda Lubensky.

Sister Dominic ...informed the Board that she had been contacted by BC/BS of Iowa requesting our input on record keeping of "hours" for Medicare. HCFA wants to know where we feel they should be listed: on the 486, where the hours would be projections, or on the UB 82, where actual hours can be used. The Board felt that the data should be on the UB 82 as it would be a great deal more accurate. Sister will relay the opinion to BC/BS.

Aging. Bellome agreed to put together the workshop and Hall will, in turn, assist with the KHCA exhibit booth.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lubensky
Executive Director

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

DISTRICT 2

Cyndi Flasschoen, Home Health Aide, has worked for Harvey County Home Health from 1980 to 1984 when the agency was a county entity, and from 1984, when the agency became a private corporation, to the present. Cyndi is a single mother of two small children. She rarely misses work. She is a dedicated nurse aide who had a talent for dealing with difficult situations. She is loved by everyone she cares for and she loves everyone she cares for.

Cyndi has often been known to go above and beyond the call of duty to help those in her care. She skillfully handles a particular client situation that requires the epitome of patience and understanding. Cyndi can always be depended upon to do her work in a professional way.

Mary Nelson, R.N., has been involved in Home Health for approximately two years. She gives many hours to her patients and specializes in wound care and terminally ill. She utilizes all of the services available under Medicare and Medicaid.

She is a single mother of two children. She is employed by Professional Care Associates, Inc., Wichita, Kansas.

HELPFUL HINT

DISTRICT 2

Submitted by Harper County Home Health:

Harper County Home Health has found a product called elastigel that they use in the treatment of pressure sores. It is easily applied, doesn't stick to the wound and promotes healing. They feel it is an exceptional product and has been cost effective and very effective in decubitus treatment. It is product of Southwest Technology of Kansas City.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

-Sister Dominic Haug

HOUSE BILL 2012: It took the State Representatives a surprisingly short time to get thing moving in Topeka this session. On Jan. 18, the House Public Health & Welfare Committee began hearings on HB 2012, the bill that resulted from the interim study this summer regarding attendant care for the disabled. We were very pleased with the number of KHCA members who came to testify and we thank each of you for taking time from your busy schedules to come. Linda will tell you more about the hearing later in the NEWSLETTER.

I want to urge each one of you to become knowledgeable of the issues involved in this bill. Read carefully the material in the NEWSLETTER and if there are any questions, please feel to call Linda or myself.

Each of us has a right and a responsibility to educate and inform our legislators. Use this right to discuss the issues of HB 2012 with your Representatives - and any other issue that touches you in any way. Our legislators want and need input from the public, and especially from the professionals who work in the field which the topics are concerned with. HB 2012 has the potential for drastically reducing the quality of care to a very vulnerable population. Let's do our part in protecting those who need care at home now and in the future.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

-Linda Lubensky

In August, the Special Committee on Public Health and Welfare held an interim study on in-home services (proposals 37 and 40). The majority of the study centered around the problems of the Home and Community Based Services program and the desire of the well-disabled to have greater control over their careworkers and the services provided to them in the home. As the result of the political pressure present by the well-disabled, House Bill 2012 was introduced for consideration during the legislative session. H.B. 2012 is divided into three sections: 1) definitions, 2) directives specific to SRS, and 3) adding a section to the exemption of the Nurse Practice Act that would allow self-direction by those receiving in-home services. Of particular concern to the Kansas Home Care Association is the bill's lack of set parameters for determining who should be allowed to be self-directed, the bill's failure to designate the nurse as the appropriate to