**WACCRA Board Meeting**

**November 11, 2022**

**Attendees:**

*Board*: Donna Kristaponis, President; Laura Saunders, Vice President; Nickie Askov, Secretary; Jim Crim, Treasurer; Rick Baugh, Carlos Caguiat, Monica Clement, Kim Hickman, Rocky Higgins

*Committee Chair*: Susan Dillon, Membership Chair

*Coordinators*: Jerry Tuttle, Barry Witham

President Donna Kristaponis called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

• Minutes: The minutes from the October 14, 2022, meeting were approved by consent.

• Treasurer’s Report: Approved by consent.

OLD BUSINESS:

• Review of Annual Meeting and Follow-up Action: After an extensive discussion about the keynote address, the board decided to send out a follow-up News-Mail that Kim and Rocky will draft for board approval. Since Donna had already sent Jack Cumming a summary of reactions to his presentation, especially to the line graph, the board decided that the letter that Nickie had drafted was not necessary.

The board also discussed the need to gather insights from members and to give members the sense that the board reflects their insights. Beginning in February the board will hold its meeting at a CCRC every other month. Members at the CCRC will be invited to attend the open board meeting. Topics such as the OIC work and legislative efforts should not be discussed at those meetings.

• Presentation on Medicare, ACO Reach, et al: Kim gave a lengthy presentation on Medicare and Upcoming Changes in 2023. ACO (Accountable Care Organizations) Reach will be launched in January 2023 until December 2026. It will provide outreach to underserved populations as well as save money for beneficiaries. Physicians will have better access to records electronically which may be shared among medical providers. It will require a large infusion of capital, possibly some from insurance companies. The board appreciated Kim’s research on this important topic and suggested that this presentation could be a program that would be presented at a CCRC.

• Some Conclusions from Long-Term Finances Study: Rick reported that DSHS has been tasked with defining what constitutes a Disaster Plan for Healthcare Facilities (not Independent Living) as the law the legislature passed requires them to do. He will be reconvening his committee to draft issues for DSHS to consider. He reported that the data the committee gathered last year was for only one CCRC. The WACCRA legislative liaison committee may use the contents of the report for input to the DSHS group that is in the process of drafting the requirement for a disaster plan.

Preparing for our Retreat: Board members should each send to Donna and Kim by Nov. 18 a SWOT analysis (i.e., Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats). They will then write these on the four pads of paper that will be a starting point for strategic planning. The retreat will be held on Friday, Dec. 16, 9:00-3:00. If necessary, the meeting will be continued on Saturday.

The next board meeting will be by Zoom on January 13, 2023, at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Nickie Askov, Secretary