



Weekly Roundup

...Reporting the state and national long term care news

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Friday, January 4, 2013

ANHA NEWS

New ANHA Leadership Announced

Editor's Note: Below is a memo from President Richard Brockman announcing new leadership for ANHA. This memo was e-mailed to all members on January 3.



"I am pleased to announce that the Alabama Nursing Home Association has retained the management consulting services of Bill O'Connor, former President of the Business Council of Alabama and Executive Director of the Alabama Press Association. Over the past year, Bill has served as a communication consultant with ANHA. In his new role, Bill will be working with the board, membership and staff in developing, managing and delivering ANHA's programs and services for our membership.

Bill has more than 30 years of experience in association management, governmental relations at the state and national levels, and in regulatory affairs.

We are fortunate that someone with Bill's extensive background and track record of bottom line results has agreed to help us during these challenging times. During the past year, Bill has provided valuable guidance to ANHA staff and leadership as we worked through the Medicaid budget crisis and other challenges facing our profession.

Bill has undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Alabama where he worked for more than twenty years. He started his career as Director of Communication and Long Range Planning for the Alabama Department of Mental Health and currently serves as President of Results LLC, a Montgomery-based consulting and issue management firm he founded in 2003."

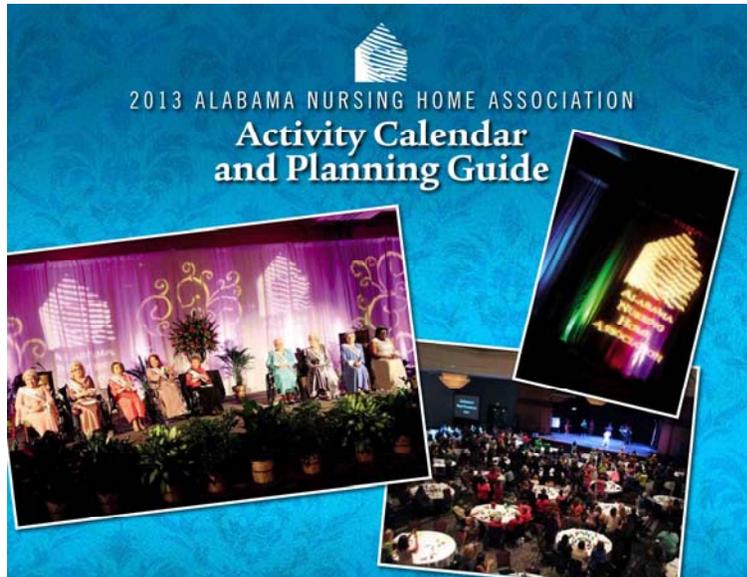
Registration Ends Monday, January 7 for "2013 Legal Compliance for Nursing Homes"

Please mark your calendars for January 9, 2013, as ANHA will present a seminar entitled "2013 Legal Compliance for Nursing Homes." This seminar will be held at The Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham. The seminar will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 4:00 pm. This seminar has

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been approved for 6 hours of continuing education for nursing home administrators. It has also been approved for 7.2 contact hours for nurses. *Please see the attached flyer for more information. Attendees should check www.anha.org on Monday for the handouts.*

2013 ANHA Activity Calendar and Planning Guide



Copies of the 2013 ANHA Activity Calendar and Planning Guide were mailed to all administrators, activity directors, owners and associate members last week. The calendar is full of useful information related to nursing homes and contains the dates of major ANHA events. A limited number of calendars are available for purchase for only \$10.00 each. *Please see the attached calendar order form for more details.*

NATIONAL NEWS

DEA to Propose Rule on Disposal of Controlled Substances

On December 21, 2012, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) released a proposed rule on the disposal of controlled substances at long term care facilities. According to Lyn Batson, Director of Policy and Advocacy at the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP), the proposed rule identifies only one mechanism of disposal and that is via the long term care pharmacy, if the pharmacy is a DEA registrant, who voluntarily installs an authorized disposal receptacle within the facility. Alternatively, a resident may opt to use mail-back or take-back programs on their own. If a patient dies and there is no authorized disposal receptacle, the decedent's family must take care of disposal. If there is no authorized receptacle in the long term care facility, there is no disposal mechanism for controlled substance at the facility.

The DEA is authorizing certain registrant categories to be collectors of controlled substances so that the agency can ensure sufficient physical security controls are in place, thereby minimizing the risk of diversion. DEA registrants are subject to controls related to their DEA registration. DEA believes the pre-existing registrant controls will protect against the diversion of controlled substances.

Comments on the proposed rule are due on or before February 19, 2013. The American Health Care Association will work with ASCP in analyzing the rule and the impact on long term care facilities. *A copy of the proposed rule is attached.*

AHCA Statement on Fiscal Cliff

2013 Marks Renewed Commitment to Quality Initiative

American Health Care Association President and CEO Mark Parkinson issued the following statement this week following congressional approval of a fiscal cliff deal:

“We are grateful that the House and Senate steered away from cuts to Medicare through the sequester. As we’ve shown throughout these negotiations, the long term and post-acute sectors stand at the brink of our own cliff, already reeling from deep cuts to Medicaid and Medicare throughout 2012.

As Congress prepares for legislation to raise the debt ceiling, we stand ready to work with lawmakers to continue acknowledging cuts are something we cannot absorb in 2013. This profession needs a break to return as healthy contributors to economic growth while delivering quality-driven health care.

Our compass is set for 2013. We will re-dedicate ourselves individually, and as a profession, to the Quality Initiative launched last year. The goals that plan sets out embody our vision to improve the lives of our residents, each and every day.”

CMS Issues Transmittal Regarding QAPI

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued an S&C memorandum and a revised draft of *QAPI at a Glance*. Although we still do not know when proposed regulations will be released, the memo and the step-by-step guide provide an opportunity for nursing centers to begin developing their QAPI programs. According to CMS, additional tools and resources will be posted to the CMS QAPI website (<http://go.cms.gov/Nhqapi>) in February 2013. *Please see the attached document for more information.*

OTHER NEWS

January 31: Deadline for Applications for AHCA Bronze Quality Award

The deadlines for the American Health Care Association’s (AHCA) [National Quality Award program](#) are just around the corner. January 31 is the deadline for applications for the Bronze Quality Award, and Silver and Gold applications are due February 28, 2013.

AHCA has a great set of tools and resources for applicants. On the [Applicant Resource page](#), members can find links to all of the application materials and key resources, such as the program criteria, webinars, viewing guides, frequently asked questions, and more. Quality Award-specific questions can be directed to quality-award@ahca.org.

January 11: Deadline to Register for 2013 AHCA Quality Symposium

Registration is now open for the AHCA Quality Symposium. Celebrating its 5th year, the symposium will take place February 11-13, in San Antonio, Texas. The Quality Symposium will provide attendees with practical, real-world ideas and solutions to take back to their work environments. Administrators, corporate staff, directors of nursing, quality managers, and anyone with an interest in examining and improving their processes to achieve excellence across

the operational and care spectrums will find value in this unique educational and networking event.

Don't miss this three-day event and the potential to earn 14.25 CEUs! For more information please visit <http://www.ahcancal.org/events/qualitysymposium/Pages/default.aspx>.

Registration Open for AHCA Independent Owner Leadership Conference

Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet and discuss all the issues that concern you with the people who understand exactly what you deal with on a day-to-day basis. The American Health Care Association's Independent Owner Leadership Conference will be held March 13-15, 2013, at the Westin Beach Resort & Spa in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

This year, the focus of the Independent Owner (IO) Leadership Conference is on Electronic Health Records (EHR). You'll hear from IOs who have already implemented EHRs. Learn how they did it, what challenges they faced, how much it costs, and why it was useful. You'll have opportunities to ask questions and find out everything you need to know to get started on the process at your facilities. We'll also tie in the use of EHRs with the AHCA Quality Initiative and show you how technology can help you meet the challenges you face and raise the quality of care you provide.

The IO Leadership Conference is for not for profit operators and for profit owners of ten or fewer facilities providing skilled nursing, assisted living, and developmental disability services. Attendees can earn up to 13 CEUs. Registration and attendance for companies and individuals who sell or market products and/or services to provider organizations is limited to sponsors only. AHCA reserves the right to grant final approval for all registrants to attend this conference. Register early and save \$75! The advanced registration deadline is February 15, 2013. For more information or to register online, visit www.io.ahcancal.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
January 9	Seminar: Legal Compliance for Nursing Homes	The Wynfrey Hotel Birmingham	8:30 a.m.
January 10	Facility Standards Committee Meeting	The Wynfrey Hotel Birmingham	1:30 p.m.
January 11	ANHA Region III Act/SS Auxiliary Meeting & Election RSVP: Endya Gibbs (205) 796-0214 egibbs@ballhealth.com	Cherry Hill Rehab Birmingham	12:30 p.m.
January 16	Convention/Education Committees Meeting	ANHA Office Montgomery	10:00 a.m.

January 17	ANHA Executive Board Meeting	ANHA Office Montgomery	10:00 a.m.
January 18	ANHA Region V Act/SS Auxiliary Meeting RSVP: Charlotte Johnson (334) 682-4231	Mr. G's Restaurant Demopolis	12:00 p.m.
January 23	ANHA Region II Act/SS Auxiliary Meeting Speaker Topic: Dementia Training RSVP: Mary Anne Parsons (256) 599-4895	Catfish Cabin Albertville	11:00 a.m.

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