Current News

**Association Testifies on State Legislative Bills**

The 2017 CT Legislative Session is in full swing with all legislative committees meeting and holding public hearings on a weekly basis. The session will likely produce more than 3,000 individual proposed bills, and the Association staff and its contract lobbying firm, Rome Smith Lutz, is tracking each proposed bill to determine relevance to home health and hospice providers.

More than 60 proposed bills have been identified so far as relevant to "Healthcare at Home". The Association staff, lobbying team, and members of the Association executive committee, along with Janine Fay, Chair of the Association's Government Relations Committee, review a compiled list of proposed bills every Wednesday morning by conference call to determine if written or oral testimony will be delivered on each bill, and who will be responsible for writing the testimony.

Deborah Hoyt and Tracy Wodatch, both registered lobbyists, both testify on behalf of the Association. Association members are encouraged to participate in the legislative hearing process by submitting written or in-person testimony on bills that they have expertise in.

If you are interested in submitting testimony or going to the state capitol to participate in a hearing, Deb, Tracy or Kinson Perry of Rome Smith Lutz, will accompany you and walk you through the process. Contact hoyt@cthealthcareathome.org if you are interested in testifying.

Last week, the following testimony was delivered:

- Veronica Mansfield of Middlesex Hospital Homecare submitted written testimony in Support of Proposed Bill No.126 "An Act Concerning Community Health Workers"
Janine Fay of VNA Community Healthcare submitted written testimony in support of Raised Bill 7009 "An Act Concerning Deterring Medicaid Fraud".

Tracy Wodatch submitted written testimony in support of H.B. 6983 "An Act Concerning Medicaid Eligibility for Home-Care Services".

Tracy Wodatch testified in person in support of Raised Bill 7009 "An Act Concerning Deterring Medicaid Fraud".

The Association, jointly with CHA, Leading Age, CAHCF, and CSMS, submitted written testimony in support of "An Act Concerning Advance Notice by DSS of Guidelines and Bulletins".

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**Invitation: Feb. 15 - Healthcare Conversation with CT State Senator Bob Duff at CHA**

Please join us for a free forum with Senator Bob Duff to discuss Governor Malloy's State Budget and the impact on CT healthcare providers across the continuum.

RSVP to iacobellis@chime.org

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**VNA Operational Indicators Report Released**

The semi-annual report of key operational indicators that predict VNA profitability for more than 75 New England agencies has been released.

The report is prepared by Brad Borbidge of the firm Berry Dunn.

Contact bborbidge@berrydunn.com with questions.

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**How health care and Medicaid fare in Malloy's budget**

Source: CT Mirror Feb. 08, 2017

About 9,500 parents would lose Medicaid, fewer seniors would receive home care, mental health and substance abuse treatment providers would receive millions of dollars less from the state, and school-based health centers would see a 10 percent funding cut under the budget plan Gov. Dannel P. Malloy proposed Wednesday.

Read the full story here

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**Invitation: Feb. 28 Legislative Breakfast and Healthcare at Home "Day at the State Capitol"**

All Association members are invited to attend the annual Legislative Breakfast and Healthcare at Home "Day at the State Capitol" on Tues., Feb. 28th from 8 am to 10 am at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Ave., Hartford.
The event is free. Come mingle with your colleagues and hear from state legislators, Association leaders and our lobbyists about the "State of the State" and share our united voice about home care and hospice.

Register by emailing Alison Clark at clark@cthealthcareathome.org or calling her at 203-774-4944.

View the invitation

**Medicaid Block Grant Analysis by Kaiser Foundation**

The Trump Administration has floated the concept of changing the Medicaid program to a block grant system. Read an analysis by the Kaiser Foundation here.
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For all upcoming events check out our online calendar of events.

To register for the events below, click here

**Employee Satisfaction + Patient Satisfaction = Success (3 Part Webinar Series)**
1/25/2017 » 2/22/2017
Time: 1:00- 2:00PM

**Hospice Billing 3-Part Webinar Series**
1/26/2017 » 2/28/2017
Time: 11:30am-1:00pm

**Business & Finance Committee Meeting**
2/15/2017
Location: Wallingford, Connecticut
Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am

**Writing, Implementing and Sustaining Plans of Correction for Federal and State Surveys**
2/21/2017
Time: 1:00- 2:30 PM

**Hospice & Palliative Care Committee Meeting**
2/22/2017
Location: Wallingford, Connecticut
Time: 2 - 4 pm

**Board of Directors Meeting**
2/24/2017
Time: 9 - 11am

**Policy Committee Meeting**
2/27/2017
Location: Wallingford, Connecticut
Time: 1:30 - 3:30 pm

**2017 Legislative Breakfast**
2/28/2017
Location: Hartford, Connecticut
Time: From 8:00-11:00 AM

**Advanced Coding Education- ICD-10/ ACE-10**
3/2/2017 » 3/9/2017
Location: Wallingford, Connecticut
Time: 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

All workshops and meetings are held at 110 Barnes Road, Wallingford - unless otherwise noted. Please register for SIG meetings on www.cthealthcareathome.org.
Please call (203) 265-9931 with questions or register online by visiting www.cthealthcareathome.org

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