

National Supplier Clearinghouse Advisory Committee (NSCAC)

NSCAC MEETING MINUTES WITHOUT THE NSC

Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2008

Location: Via Teleconference

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm EST

Meeting began at 11: 02 EST

Meeting minutes typed by Rose Schafhauser

1. Roll Call and protocol for teleconference: Joan Cross, Herb Langsam, Laraine Forry, Kimberlie Rogers-Bowers had Lisa Sauritch, Norm Boyczuk, Melissa Hite had Jolene Ward, and Wade Hendrickson. NSCAC Administration: Rose Schafhauser. Joan Cross reminded that only NSCAC members can vote. Do not discuss personal issues.
2. Approval of the October 4, 2007 meeting minutes: Motion to approve the minutes by Herb Langsam. Norm Boyczuk seconded. Motion carried.
3. Treasurers Report: Herb Langsam reported that we are in the black. Motion to approve the report as present Laraine Forry. Wade Hendrickson seconded. Motion carried.
4. Old Business:
 - a. NSC Inspection Tracking sheets to the NSCAC: Joan Cross reported that we have not received any reports. She will be asking Nancy Parker about the issue in California of site visits when there was a mandatory evacuation in San Diego. Wade Hendrickson reported the site inspector showed up when the providers were evacuated. Did work with the NSC to eventually get site inspectors back in to their locations. Now they have denied applications for DBA for they were using their legal name, and they are telling them they should fill out the application by their DBA name. Wade got an email with the details that he will forward on. He has two emails from NSC that they have 180 days to process the applications. Asela Cuervo thinks it was a part of a regulation last year that the application has 180 days to process. The NSC must be extremely far behind. There are different answers to the number of days to process the applications. Need to clarify with Nancy Parker this afternoon.
 - b. National Provider Identifier (NPI): Update/questions related to how the NSC maybe reacting to the changes: Joan Cross asked if anyone has any problems outside of the question that was submitted. No further problems were reported.
 - c. Interstate Licensing/State Qualifications/Permits: Kim Brummett was not present to discuss. There has been not been issues that have been brought forth.
 - d. NSCAC website: Rose Schafhauser reported that a few council members had volunteered to meet to discuss the format of the website. Tried to get a meeting prior to the holidays, but it didn't work out. The council members who volunteered will try to get a meeting pulled together in January. Palmetto changed their website.
 - e. CMS855S Form in Word: Mike Hamilton had sent out the form to all council members. There were a few issues with the sections. Everyone needs to take a look at it and get comments back to Mike for any changes and improvements. Look at the Jurisdiction B website also for they have the application on their website.
 - f. Medicare Provider Enrollment Demonstration Project issues (Miami Florida and Los Angeles California): Joan Cross reported that rumors were the NSC was just denying enrollments if there was information that was not correct. Joan received information back from Nancy Parker that they will develop like any other re-enrollment.

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5. New Business:

- a. Brian Banks Status: Joan Cross reported that there are two temporary persons Shanna Goldboro and Tanya Mattingly who are working in Brian's position, but are not responding to emails or phone calls. Nancy Parker has been made aware of this.
- b. Competitive Bidding Update: Joan Cross asked if everyone saw the information on the errors that had been made in the bidding process. No one has heard anything more. If you hear anything, please email NSCAC operations.
- c. CMS Letters in Tampa: Joan Cross discussed that there was a sweep through Tampa where they visited customers. They visited their patients first and looked at the hours on their concentrators and compared it to the provider's charts. One of the same companies received a letter asking them to sign a statement that they did NOT have the equipment. Wade Hendrickson reported that his sleep labs in Florida that his patients have received letters if they received the equipment and if they are using the equipment. Laraine Forry asked if any of these letters are due to competitive bidding before and after services. Joan indicated that they did not send in the 10 patients. Asela Cuervo reported that OIG is working on a study if providers are using the modifiers correctly. They are really going after suppliers if they have the documentation that people are really using the equipment. We need to remind folks to make sure they have the documentation on file. Asela read from the OIG work plan on the studies they are working on. For KX modifiers – the supplier better be getting the documentation. South Florida specifically was reviewed and they are not meeting the supplier standards.
- d. Other New Business:
 - i. Issues to discuss:
 1. Do need to get on the agenda with the NSC to discuss the accreditation requirements for new providers who are applying for a number.
 2. Need to clarify on existing providers who open new locations.
 3. We need to push the NSC and CMS for the follow-up.
 4. 855 Instructions on accreditation – not correct.
 5. Change of address: NSC is telling them to not change NPPES before filing with NSC has gone through.
 6. DBA
 7. Repair and inventory contracts – what are they looking at specifically in instances if the provider has internal staff vs. outside.
 8. Do they have a guidance of when a number is required or what training do they provide. In the meantime, please review Laraine's flow chart of when a number is needed to add to the scenarios.
- e. Review NSC Agenda and Questions: the questions and agenda were reviewed and discussed as to who will be asking the questions.
- f. Future NSCAC/NSC Meetings:
 - i. Medtrade Spring May 6 – 8, 2008 Long Beach, California.

6. Adjournment: Joan Cross adjourned the meeting.

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NSCAC Financial Statement – January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007

Income

Payment from Region A	\$1,250.00
Payment from Region B	\$1,250.00
Payment from Region C	\$1,250.00
Payment from Region D	\$1,250.00

Total Income \$5,000.00

Expense

Postage and Delivery	\$1.46
Meeting Expense	\$103.97
Management Service	\$4,000.00
Telephone	\$11.70
Travel Expenses	\$473.25

Total Expenses \$4,590.38

Net Income \$ 409.62

Notes: travel expenses are the Medtrade meetings.

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2007

Assets:

Checking/Savings	\$2,080.70
Total Current Assets	<u>\$2,080.70</u>

Liabilities & Equity:

Retained earnings	\$1,671.08
Net Income	\$ 409.62
Total Equity	<u>\$2,080.70</u>

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