



## 2016 Major Accomplishments

### Highlighted Accomplishments

- **Transitioned all OAHC association management activities and lobbying to Legislative Advocates and retained Fawn Barrie as the new Executive Director**
- **Continued consistency for members by maintaining Brandy Sweet as Membership Services Coordinator**
- **Established an In-Home Care committee to advise the Board specifically on In-Home Care issues**
- **Lobbying Congress: face-to-face, nurse practitioners ordering, prior authorization/pre-claim review, value based purchasing**
- **Support of Congressman Walden: Walden has been working closely with OAHC in his effort to introduce legislation on face-to-face. Coordinated with staff, met with other congressional offices, drafted press strategy**
- **Met with all seven Oregon Congressional representatives to articulate OAHC priorities and seek support on legislation**
- **Provided 66 different education offerings throughout the year**

### Successful Transition

- **Drafted a transition plan and request for proposal to recruit a new association management firm to manage OAHC**
- **Continued productive coordination of Committees and the Board**
- **Recruited new Board Members and members for Committees and advanced new leadership within the Board**
- **Introduced new Executive Director to various state and national stakeholders**
- **Coordinated meetings with In-Home Care providers interested in OAHC membership**

### State and National Advocacy

#### National Issues

- **Communicated OAHC priorities to all national stakeholders to help ensure a united front on all key issues**
- **Coordinated OAHC's participation in the first annual Conference of States lobby effort in D.C. Both OAHC's President and Chair of the Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Committee attended conference and congressional meetings, along with OAHC's new Executive Director**
- **Updated Congressional offices on OAHC member agencies / contact info in their districts**

#### State Issues

- **Lobbied extensively on State issues affecting all home care providers throughout 2016 State Legislative session and in subsequent legislative days**
- **Met with State Medicaid division on home health and hospice issues of payment, regulation, process, etc.**
- **Maintained position on the Rural Health Coordinating Council reporting on rural issues affecting home care and making recommendations for needed action / support on both State and National issues**
- **Continued advocacy and coordination with stakeholders on physician orders for patients across State lines via reciprocal agreements with neighboring States**

- Stakeholder in community paramedic strategic development of care for patients at home
- Advocacy and recommendations to members for the implementation of new "sick time" policies and minimum wage policies required by state law
- Monitored new proposals for "flexible" or "predictive" scheduling and paid family leave
- Advocacy with State surveyors of best practices for all home care provider surveys in accordance with State and Federal regulations

## Professional Development

- Provided 64 educational audio-conferences and webinars on key issues to home care
- Co-Sponsored full-day workshop on skill development training for supervisors and managers with the Home Care Association of Washington (HCAW)
- Conducted two-day OASIS training workshop in Salem, Oregon
- Partnered with Kornetti & Krafft Health Care Solutions on 3-part Maintenance Therapy webinar series
- Conducted 46th annual conference with exhibitor expo for all home care industry providers in Newport, OR
- Offered continuing online education as a member benefit through our online provider Rochester Community Technical College (RCTC)
- Improved services of the Career Center for the recruitment and retention of quality staff for members
- Continued active outreach and collaboration with related health care associations in Oregon to enhance benefits and services to home care providers
- Provided continuing education credits through California Board of Nursing for multiple educational offerings
- Partnered with multiple State home care associations on key home care issues
- Maintained membership in a multitude of national organizations: National Association for Home Care and Hospice, Council of State Home Care Association, and the American Society of Association Executives
- Continued partnerships with The Corridor Group and Community Health Accreditation Partner (CHAP)
- Continued partnership with Fazzi & Assoc. in online Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS), Coding and Therapy training for members

## Value in Membership

- Recruited and retained diverse membership representing all home care providers and affiliated businesses
- Explored additional opportunities for membership with other In-Home Care Agencies
- Held strategic planning to ensure industry and organizational strength in home care in Oregon
- Developed new goals and strategies to improve education, advocacy and expanding partnerships
- Expanded coordination with other state associations impacted by Home Care

## Communication with Members

- Updates on numerous State and Federal legislative and regulatory changes
- Updated the new national news messaging on top home care issues via listserv
- Advised members with updates and resources to improve relations with Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO)
- Encouraged member use of OAHC online Legislative Action Center for advocacy messages to Congress

## Community Outreach

- OAHC's new Executive Director attended multiple events for the Council of State Home Care Associations to continue the important communication on Home Health issues among state leaders

- Participated in national efforts on behalf of OAHC members on advocacy issues through the National Association for Home Care and Hospice, Forum of States, and the Council of State Home Care Associations
- Worked with multiple national organization stakeholders to enhance regulatory and legislative advocacy effort