



**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**April 27, 2017 –8:00 – 9:00 A.M.**  
**Penn Stater, State College**

**Minutes**

1. **Welcome:** Mr. Brennan welcomed attendees and members to the 2017 Spring Conference at 8:00 A.M.
2. **Call to Order:** LouAnn Simpson, Secretary conducted a roll call of PACAH members there were 49 of 84 members present.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Brennan requested approval of the October 2016 and December 2016 meeting minutes, Ms. Hess motioned, Me. Allison seconded and the minutes were approved as presented.
4. **Treasurer's Financial Report:** Ms. Cobaugh, Treasurer reviewed the Balance Sheet and the Income Statement to date as of March 31, 2017.
5. **President's Remarks:** Mr. Brennan addressed the attendees by thanking them for attending. He remarked on noting an increase in networking among members over the past several years. A special thank you was given to Ms. Andrisano, Ms. Deline, Ms. Cobaugh and the Education Committee for putting a great conference together.

Mr. Brennan reviewed the upcoming events: Pelican Lunch and Board Meeting at Noon, Vendor Show and noted that the show has gained popularity with 54 vendors attending the show. Mr. Brennan thanked the vendors for supporting PACAH.

Mr. Brennan reminded the attendees of the Conference Party this evening.

6. **New Business:**
  - a. **Budget and Legislative Update :** Ms. Andrisano presented the following:

## FY 2017-2018 Budget

- Governor's Proposal
- Nursing Facility Line Item \$3.476 billion state and federal, 9.62 percent increase for CHC
- House Proposal
- Nursing Facility Line Item \$3.451 billion state and federal funds, 8.83 percent increase from last year; smaller increase based on more current numbers
- No Medicaid Rate Increase
- Department Unification: DHS, DOH, Aging, DDAP:
  - OLTL will become Aging and Adult Community Living
  - See organization chart and more information: [www.governor.pa.gov/hhs](http://www.governor.pa.gov/hhs)

- b. **FY 2016 2017 Membership Update:** Ms. Andrisano discussed the addition of Assisted Living and Personal Care Membership.
- c. **Discussion of Department of Health Survey Issues:** The group shared their recent experience with DOH Survey and DOH interpretation of the regulations. PACAH has been working with other associations and DOH to alleviate the severity of the penalties that have been assigned. Ms. Andrisano shared that the 2016 AG report had cast a negative light on the DOH Nursing Care Division inadequate. A Nursing Facility Quality Task Force was developed however, it did not include any representation from Nursing Facility Staff or associations.
7. **CCAP Legislative, Budget and Advocacy Update:** Ms. Schaefer, Director of Government Relations, CCAP, shared that at the beginning of April the House Republicans budgeted about 8 million less than the Governor's 7.9 million deficit.

Ms. Schaefer indicated that LTC was not targeted per se but it may not be safe. She shared that there are impact items which support LTC.

The County Adult Probation Service line was totally eliminated and it is a mandated service.

Ms. Schaefer indicated that it is important to get the message out about what the cuts will do, we need to protect LTC line items. We need to turn around the

image around that the AG report indicated. LTC facilities need to reach out to their Legislative representatives, start a “Grass Roots Advocacy” as this affects all nursing homes.

8. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

LouAnn Simpson, Secretary