



SUMMARY OF SCRDC ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 19, 2008

HOLLYWOOD RENAISSANCE HOTEL
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

1. Dr. David Ward, President of the Board of Directors, opened the meeting and gave a report on the “state of the Network”. He described the origins of the Network program, and how it is the smaller scale version of the QIO programs. Many of the Network contract provisions are being modeled after the QIO’s, and some Network contracts have been given to QIO’s in other parts of the country. Network 18 made a number of changes this past year, including staff changes (Vickie Peters as new Executive Director). ED and staff are working hard to keep up with new and changing CMS requirements, including documentation (QI work plans, performance improvement plans, etc). He thanked the staff for continually striving to improve and for doing a good job. Today’s educational session will cover the new Conditions for Coverage, and the Network and facilities will need to continue to work together in an environment of increased regulation and scrutiny. The BOD and MRB are more active than ever before, with more requirements and oversight expected of them by CMS. He asked for continuing support from the community to volunteer and elect board members to help the Network meet their targets and goals. Mid-term MRB elections will be held this fall. There is a new chairman of the MRB, Dr. Stanley Rosen, who was elected by the BOD after the resignation of Dr. Robert Kopelman (who retired and moved back East). He thanked the facility representatives for their attendance, and ongoing hard work to improve care for ESRD patients.
2. Vickie Peters, Executive Director, provided an overview of the major sections of the new Conditions for Coverage, and announced that all of the presentations for today’s meeting are already posted on the Network website.
3. Lana Kacherova, QI Director, presented more detailed information on the clinical sections of the new C4C, including infection control, water & dialysate, reuse, physical environment, patient assessment & care planning, home care, QAPI and laboratory services.
4. Cecilia Torres, Patient Services Director, provided a presentation on patient rights and the new rules covering involuntary patient discharges.
5. Patrick Ciriello, Information Services Director, presented information on the new CROWN-Web data entry program that facilities will be required to participate in starting February 2009.
6. All of the managers presented information on Facility Compliance and sanctions.
7. A question/answer session was held with all facility participants and attendees. An interactive exhibit booth was also available in the back of the room, where staff could see the Crown-Web program and try it out.

Mission Statement

To provide leadership and assistance to renal dialysis and transplant facilities in a manner that supports continuous improvement in patient care, outcomes, safety and satisfaction.