

State Issues

- ◆ Lobbied extensively on State issues affecting all home care providers throughout 2015 State Legislative session
- ◆ Met with State Medicaid division on home health and hospice issues of payment, regulation, process, etc.
- ◆ Participated in stakeholder meetings with Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) to monitor and recommend home care priorities for programs affecting home care delivery
- ◆ 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 with the Oregon Medical Board on physician orders for patients across State lines via reciprocal agreements with neighboring States
- ◆ Advocating for delay of State implementation of face-to-face requirement for Medicaid clients until CMS issues final guidance to States
- ◆ Monitoring of hospice payment update issues related to new payment service intensity adjustment implementation
- ◆ Discussion of status of fingerprint-based criminal background checks for "high-risk" providers as designated by Medicare for enrollment in Medicaid program
- ◆ Stakeholder in community paramedic strategic development of care for patients at home; review of pilots
- ◆ Advocacy and recommendations to members for the implementation of new "sick time" policies required by law
- ◆ Advocacy to members to apply to join new Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council
- ◆ Advocacy for minimum impact to hospital based home care providers related to nurse staffing committees / plans
- ◆ Advocated for support of legislation to permit managed care organization payment of telemedicine payment as same as contracted of services accepted
- ◆ Provided written comments as a stakeholder representing home care on the implementation of program within the Department of Human Services to allow private citizens to purchase home care services from the Client Employed Provider Program
- ◆ Informed members of payer issues related to new performance measurement tools
- ◆ Advocacy with State surveyors of best practices for all home care provider surveys in accordance with State and Federal regulations

Communications With Members

- ◆ Updates and Calls to Action on numerous State and Federal legislative and regulatory changes
- ◆ Improvement / enhancement of member online tools and resources including creating draft/sample policies
- ◆ Created 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

Enhanced Community Outreach

- ◆ OAHC Executive Director served on the Council of States Board of Directors as the Secretary / Treasurer
- ◆ Provided leadership to the Council of State Home Care Associations representing Oregon
- ◆ Coordinated national efforts on behalf of members on advocacy through National Association for Home Care and Hospice, Forum of States, Council of State Home Care Associations and in collaboration with Visiting Nurses Association of America
- ◆ Provided members Home Care Compare Dashboard Reports and other industry specific data reports
- ◆ Worked with multiple national organization stakeholders to enhance regulatory and legislative advocacy efforts

Professional Development

- ◆ Provided 55 educational audio-conferences and webinars on key issues to home care
- ◆ Sponsored joint workshop on ICD-10 Coding with the Oregon Hospice Association
- ◆ Conducted 45th annual conference with exhibitor expo for all home care industry providers in Redmond, OR
- ◆ Offered continuing online education as a member benefit through our online provider Rochester Community Technical College (RCTC)
- ◆ Launched new Home Health & Hospice Aide Competency Exam via online platform for 2014-2016 version
- ◆ 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 and educational offerings
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Launched new 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
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Actively pursued improved policies on OAHC asset management to ensure solid returns
- ◆ Increased advocacy efforts on behalf of all home care members
- ◆ Nationally recognized OAHC staff utilized for advancement of key advocacy efforts before Congress



OAHC Executive Director Sarah Myers testifies before Congressional Committee in Washington D.C. (at top). Executive Director Sarah Myers and President Shaune Mattsson meeting with all seven members of the Oregon Congressional delegation including Congressman Earl Blumenauer (above).



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Over the past year, OAHC has achieved major accomplishments that have moved the association forward toward its Mission and Vision...



OAHC President Shaune Mattsson



Advocacy

Education

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Membership

Marketing

Oregon Association for Home Care 2015 Major Accomplishments

State and National Advocacy

National Issues

- ◆ Testified before Congressional committee on Examining Potential Ways to Improve the Medicare Program; Cong. Walden's bill on improving the face-to-face process
- ◆ Moderated National panel discussion on the Community Paramedic / Emergency Medical Services Developing strategies to orchestrate home care services based on the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) national strategic plan
- ◆ Lobbying Congress: face-to-face, nurse practitioners ordering/following a home health plan of care, rural safe guard payment extension, physician sustainable growth rate, home health rate rebasing, hospice payment reform, cuts to home health and hospice Medicare benefit programs
- ◆ Letter to Cong. Walden on challenges of the Ways and Means proposed value based purchasing for post-acute care providers bill (HR 3298)
- ◆ Published articles in Oregon papers regarding rate rebasing affects, proposed home health prospective payment system rate cuts and hazards of value based purchasing proposals
- ◆ Secured Cong. Walden / Cong. Blumenauer as lead sponsors on letter to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) related to needed changes to proposed home health prospective payment system regulation
- ◆ Communicated OAHC priorities to all national stakeholders to help ensure a united front on issues of face-to-face, cuts, etc.
- ◆ Met with all seven Oregon Congressional representatives / staff multiple times throughout the year to articulate OAHC priorities and seek support on legislation, dear colleague letters and hearing support
- ◆ Assist with and support of member agency meetings with Congressional delegates
- ◆ Updated Congressional offices on OAHC member agencies / contact info in their districts

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