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LNHA Celebrates Long Term Care Administrators Week

LNHA commends, salutes and thanks those administrators in nursing facilities and assisted living facilities who are committed to providing excellent quality of care and quality of life for the most vulnerable members of society.

Join LNHA in celebrating the week of **March 12-18, 2017**. LNHA thanks our member administrators for their commitment to serving their residents, leading their staff and ensuring their facility is a valued healthcare provider in their community.



The American College of Health Care Administrators has sponsored the national observance each March since 1994 to honor and celebrate the role administrators play in providing leadership for the delivery of quality, resident-centered care and a supportive work environment for staff.

To show our appreciation, Lagniappe is starting a new segment in the newsletter called Member Spotlight. Go to page 4 to read which administrator we are highlighting this month.

CMS Region 6 — Dallas: How to Stay Informed



The Dallas Division of Survey and Certification is sharing an easy way to remain informed when CMS issues survey and certification memos and guidance. Please follow the steps listed below:

1. You must have a computer that has accessibility to RSS Feed.
2. Click [here](#)
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Click [here](#) for help regarding RSS. Click [here](#) to view the MLN newsletter archives. Questions about the Region VI Insider? Contact Melissa Scarborough, MPH, CHES, External Affairs Specialist, CMS Dallas Regional Office at Melissa.Scarborough@cms.hhs.gov.



LNHA invites you to join us at our upcoming educational events. Be sure to register early for these events as space is limited.

Resident Activity Director Certification Workshop

March 20-23, Paragon Casino Resort, Marksville

This workshop is a 36-hour certification class that presents the fundamentals of becoming a successful activity director. Participants will acquire skills in the basic job tasks, planning, delivering, evaluating and documentation of direct care and services.

Requirements of Participation: Bringing Them to Life in Your Facility

March 29, Paragon Casino Resort, Marksville

This one-day workshop will help your facility staff make the necessary changes to comply with the new Requirements of Participation (RoP). Presentations by David Gifford, MD, MPH, and Lyn Bentley, MSW, of American Health Care Association will include a mix of didactic presentations and multiple interactive exercises utilizing material brought by attendees from their facilities.

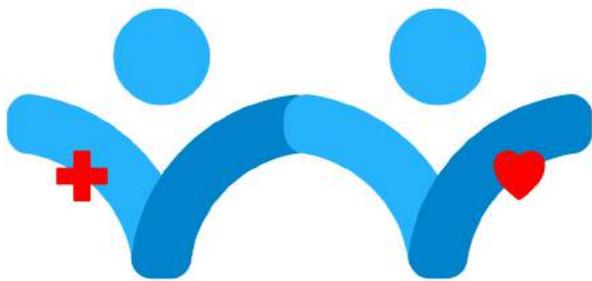
LNHA Spring Conference

May 1-3, Crowne Plaza, Baton Rouge

Batter up! Wash your lucky jersey and dust off your favorite baseball glove. LNHA's all-star facilities are stepping up to the plate to prove they are in a league of their own. Every day our facilities go to bat for their beloved residents and provide loving quality care that is seen only in the big leagues. Don't miss this conference. It's sure to be a grand slam!

[View the event calendar here and register today!](#)

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LNHA State Regulatory Update: February 2017



Each month, the Division of Administration publishes the Louisiana Register which chronicles the executive orders and regulatory changes proposed or enacted by the state. In an effort to keep our members abreast of any regulatory changes, Wes Hataway, LNHA Legal and Policy Director, publishes a monthly summary of regulatory changes affecting our profession. Click [here](#) to view the February edition.

FDA Bans Powdered Gloves



The Food and Drug Administration has banned powdered gloves for use in healthcare settings, citing “numerous risks to patients and health care workers.” The ban extends to gloves currently in commercial distribution and in the hands of the ultimate user, meaning powdered gloves will have to be pulled from examination rooms and operating theaters.

“A thorough review of all currently available information supports the FDA’s conclusion that powdered surgeon’s gloves, powdered patient examination gloves, and absorbable powder for lubricating a surgeon’s glove should be banned,” according to a FDA final rule, which was published in the Federal Register on Dec. 19, 2016. Click [here](#) to read the full article.

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Member Spotlight

LNHA has a diverse membership with more than 250 nursing facilities statewide. Each month, Lagniappe will feature a seasoned administrator, director of nursing, consultant, etc. This individual will be someone who is making an impact in the profession. It's a great way to meet your colleagues and learn from their experiences and advice. If you are interested in being highlighted in the Member Spotlight, contact Karen Miller at kmiller@lnha.org.



Scott Quirk, 36

Managing member of Plantation Management Company (PMC)

I have 15 years of experience in the nursing facility profession, however, I was raised in long term care. My father, Buster Quirk, oversees 14 facilities and has worked in the long term profession for 40 years. Over the last year, I have enjoyed serving as LNHA board chair of Region I, New Orleans. It has been a great learning experience working alongside LNHA's talented and seasoned board.

What is the best and most challenging part of your job?

The best and most challenging part of my job is working with the many different individuals within my organization and the healthcare profession. Collaborating with the variable of people in the long term care profession can be complicated, yet rewarding. In this profession, you have the opportunity to make a difference in many lives on a daily basis. It's my goal, and PMC's goal, to make a positive difference in the lives of our residents, residents' family members, employees, and all others we cross paths with.

What did you learn from the flood in August 2016?



I learned that with commitment to others and to something greater than yourself, good outcomes can occur even in the most devastating circumstances. The flood cannot be explained to others who did not endure it. PMC experienced water in six properties, along with water in my home and the homes of all my family members, and many of my employees. We have been pressed from all sides, but not crushed.

Through the blessing of our dedicated and courageous employees, we had zero resident incidents due to the flood and were able to continue to provide quality care to the residents. PMC's employees went above and beyond in preparation of the flood and during the flood. That dedication continues today with everyone at PMC as we continue to rebuild and push forward towards a new normal.

How do you handle the challenges of working with employees?

I assembled a core team that shares the same vision, priorities and goals of PMC. Communication and teamwork allow these goals and priorities to be shared at all levels of our organization. Sometimes we step on each other's toes, but we are all marching to the same beat and will reach the desired destination together. It must be a team effort.

What inspires you?

My faith guides me in life. I am inspired by the grace of Christ, by the faith of my grandmother, the trust my parents have in me, and the love my wife and daughters unwaveringly give me every day.

What is your go-to lunch?



My go-to lunch entails going to the gym for a quick workout. It is nice to clear your mind and sweat for a few minutes. It helps provide a second chance at a fresh start to the day and keeps me from experiencing the dreaded mid-afternoon slump.

Capwiz: Sign Up Today

The American Health Care Act, (the repeal and replace of the Affordable Health Care Act) introduced on March 6, 2017, will reduce Medicaid funds across the board for all beneficiaries, making it harder than ever to maintain access to care for the most vulnerable. It is of utmost importance for our profession to come together and make our voices and those of our residents heard.

AHCA will send out a new Capwiz request and we urge you and your employees to respond in force (we need 100 responses per facility) so that our voice can be heard. If you are not signed up for the Capwiz emails, click [here](#) to register so that you will be ready to participate. It is extremely easy to use and takes less than a minute to send.

To do:

1. [Sign up](#) for Capwiz if you do not already receive these emails.
2. Tell your employees and colleagues to sign up for these emails.
3. Watch for the AHCA Capwiz emails and respond immediately.



Have a news story about your facility or a special event you'd like to share with LNHA? Email kmiller@lnha.org for a chance to be featured on [LNHA's Facebook page](#) or in the Lagniappe newsletter.

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