President’s Report ~ Jerry Jurena

Ransomware attack: Last week I managed to visit a few hospitals and attend a Quality Health Associates meeting in Fargo. Questions always arise as to what is next and will Congress revisit the Affordable Care Act (ACA) issue. I am not sure what Congress will do next. I know that they have a full slate of issues they need to deal with - one being the budget. In regards to the ACA, I do believe this issue will resurface before the end of the year. I was surprised that during the few days I was out, the issue of ransomware came up three times. I heard about two hospitals out of state that had to pay to get their data back; one paid $120,000 and the other in excess of $200,000. A hospital in the state had minor issues but was able to resolve them locally. If you have not had someone review your information technology policies and security, I would advise you to do it as soon as possible.

CAH data: I want to thank all the CEOs and CFOs in the Critical Access Hospitals for getting their data to Darrold. This is the earliest that Darrold has ever gotten all the information. Thank you. Having this data is always important during the legislative session and this last year it was especially important; I believe it was one of the reasons we were successful with Medicaid Expansion.

Physician Recruitment ~ Kevin Malee

Visiting with Residents in Bismarck, ND
North Dakota’s Future Physicians

I had the opportunity to meet and visit with the UND Family Medicine residents in Bismarck this past week. Dr. Jeff Hostetter has been the Program Director for the past several years and surrounds himself with an excellent faculty to support the training of future physicians.

These young physician residents are eager to learn and will contribute greatly to the healthcare needs of North Dakota and the Midwest. Our discussion included a question and answer period which was lively and provocative. These millennials are being well trained in family medicine.

This family medicine program (like all the AAFP programs in the US) is a three-year program and, upon completion, these residents will be board eligible in family practice. The mission of UND Family Medicine Bismarck is to provide well-trained family medicine physicians to meet the needs of the people of North Dakota by providing continuing, comprehensive quality healthcare and integrated and progressive educational programs and assisting each resident to develop into a comprehensive family medicine provider.

Dr. Hostetter has done an exemplary job training and managing these future physicians. Formerly from Montana, he attended medical school at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle. Dr. Hostetter has lived and worked in North Dakota for several years.

Thank you, Dr. Hostetter, for a job well done.

If I can assist you in your physician recruitment efforts, please contact me at nordakotarec@comcast.net or 701-320-2109.
NDHA Annual Convention

The ND Hospital Association’s 83rd Annual Convention and Trade Show materials will be posted to the web site this week! A hard copy mailing of the brochure will be done as well for your review.

Don’t forget to make your hotel room reservations! It’s easier to cancel than it is to try and find a room at the last minute.

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Reporting Hospice Quality Data: Tips for Compliance

Conference Call: Wednesday, September 20, 2017, from 1:30 to 3 pm ET

Register for Medicare Learning Network events.

During this call, learn more about Hospice Quality Reporting Program requirements. Find out how to be compliant and successfully submit Hospice Item Set (HIS) data and the Hospice Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) Survey in the next reporting year. A question and answer session follows the presentation.

Topics:
- HIS and CAHPS® submission requirements
- Reasons for noncompliance and how to address them
- Timelines for data submission and compliance determinations
- Resources for success, including how to access important websites and helpdesks

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Scott and Paul Pearsall Grant

The Scott and Paul Pearsall Grant supports graduate students and early career psychologists whose work seeks to increase the public’s understanding of the psychological pain and stigma experienced by adults living with physical disabilities, such as cerebral palsy.

Program Goals:

- Encourage talented students and early career psychologists to orient their careers to understanding the psychological effect of stigma on people with disabilities.
- Develop strategies to improve the public’s understanding of the psychological pain and stigma felt by individuals with physical disability, in order to reduce harmful misconceptions.
- Encourage dissemination of findings to the public, expressly through media.

Please see our website for more information http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/pearsall.aspx

Click here to apply for this grant: https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=apa&

Completed applications should be submitted online by October 1, 2017.

ICS 300/400 Training

ICS 300/400 will be held at the Public Service Building, 2475 State Ave. N., Dickinson, ND September 26-28, 2017 beginning at 7:30 a.m. Mountain Time. Class will begin at 8:00 a.m. on subsequent days.

ICS-300 provides training and resources for personnel who require advanced application of the ICS. The course expands upon information covered in the ICS-100 and ICS-200 courses. This course is intended for individuals who may assume a supervisory role in expanding incidents or Type 3 incidents.

ICS-400 provides training and resources for personnel who require advanced application of the ICS. This course expands upon information covered in ICS-100 through ICS-300 courses. It is intended for senior personnel who are expected to perform in a management capacity in an area command or multiagency coordination entity.

- Prerequisites: ICS-100, ICS-200, IS-700 and IS-800.
- The training is Free.
- This training is POST approved for 28 hours.

For additional information or questions please contact Sherry Adams 701-290-8518.

You can register online at this link: https://www.nd.gov/des/events/detail.asp?eventID=429

You will need a FEMA Student ID number for this class and any of the ICS classes. You can get it at this link: https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/register. Keep this number for records for any FEMA Class.