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On the occasion of this anniversary of 9.11 we salute the brave men and women who have served our homeland with courage and determination.

We also remember those veterans whom we now serve as distinguished residents in our communities throughout Alabama.

We honor those sons and daughters, husbands and wives, friends and relatives of our ALAA members and residents whose personal sacrifices have kept us all safe.

As we serve our residents-most of whom are part of what has been called “The Greatest Generation”-we are reminded

of the example they left for us.

It is our honor and privilege to serve them.

Members of the Alabama Assisted Living Association are committed to meeting the needs of our residents through the highest levels of integrity and quality.

“Repackaging” Rx

In 2003 the Alabama Board of Pharmacy issued an opinion that “repackaging” unopened bulk medication such as provided by VA and PharMedCo would not be a violation of law.

This allowed pharmacists who chose to do so to repackage these prescriptions into unit dose packaging as required by ADPH for ALF residents.

During the 2011 legislative session, ALAA was approached and asked to support an ABOP bill to allow the agency to

write a regulation setting out specific procedures for repackaging such medication for ALF residents.

We gladly obliged them and supported passage of the bill. Subsequently, it became law.

The new law **does not change anything** in current practice. It simply authorized the ABOP Board to write their own regulation.

The Board is set to take up the matter soon.

In the meantime, the ABOP August newsletter circulated a story about the bill passage.

The unintended consequence is that many pharmacists read the article and misunderstood it to say that repackaging VA medications is **currently** an illegal practice and notified their ALF customers that they will no longer provide this service.

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SPECIAL EDITION

SEPTEMBER 2011

Fall Conference Set for September 28 & 29 in Mobile!

The Gumbo is steaming, so everything will be ready for our Fall Conference at the Riverview Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center in Mobile.

If you haven't registered yet, there is still time! You won't want to miss this Fall Conference.

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ALAA has met with Herb Bobo, Secretary of the Alabama Board of Pharmacy and contacted several long term care pharmacies that do business with ALF community residents in an effort to remedy the situation.

While a solution has not yet been found we are encouraged that the ABOP will take up the matter quickly and resolve the problem once and for all by issuing clear protocols consistent with safe and appropriate dispensing.

If your ALF community is affected by this confusion, contact ALAA to be referred to a LTC Pharmacy currently repackaging for ALF residents.

Remember, this is not now-nor has it ever been— an approved practice to repackage opened containers or random supplies of loose prescription brought to the pharmacy by the family in a "used grocery bag."

Rather it has been only for unopened dispensed bulk prescription drugs delivered to the pharmacy in that condition.

ALAA BOARD ELECTION AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Business meeting will be held during the Fall Conference in Mobile. At this meeting we will distribute ballots for the election of one new board member and re-election of three current board members.

In addition, Vickie Moseley has been named to the board to fill the remaining term of the Region 4 (Montgomery) director.

The ballot will look like this:

Assisted Living Association of Alabama Board of Directors SAMPLE BALLOTT

Chairperson (term expires 2012) Jan Yarbrough, Morningside of Auburn

Vice Chairperson (term expires 2012) Steve Dean, Regency Retirement Village

Secretary/Treasurer (term expires 2012) Renee Barnard, Mount Royal Towers

Region 1 Director (term expires 2013) Wendell Briggs, Merrill Gardens at Florence

Region 3 Director (term expires 2013) Veranda Melton, Capstone Village

Region 5 Director (term expires 2013) Deanna Auner, The Huntingdon

“Can You Hear Me Now?”



Wednesday September 28, 2011

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast Snacks and Registration	Registration Desk
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Welcome	Jan Yarbrough, ALAA Chair
8:30 am - 9:30 am	“The Power of Common Ground: Communicating Effectively in a Changing World”	Terry Wilhite
9:30 am - 10:30 am	“Assuring Quality-Large and Small”	Joyce Quinnelly, Robinson-Adams, Moderator and Panel
10:30 am - 11:00 am	BREAK visit Vendors/Resident Entertainment	
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	“Arts in Action”	Miller Piggott, Alzheimer’s of Central Alabama and Ali DeCamillis, VCA
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	LUNCH/Resident Entertainment	
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	“Functional Assessments”	Richard Powers, MD
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	“It Works For Me”	Joyce Quinnelly, Moderator
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	“Out-servicing the Competition”	Lori Priselac
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception (and ever so brief business meeting to elect/reconfirm ALAA board for 2012).	

We will hand out the ALF Regulation questionnaire at this meeting, so Be sure to stop by on your way to dinner!

Thursday September 29, 2011

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast Snacks	
8:30 am - 9:30 am	“The Power of Common Ground: Using Social Media to Build Successful Relationships”	Terry Wilhite
9:30 am - 10:30 am	“Dr. Talk”	Regina Harrell, MD University of Alabama
10:30 am - 11:00 am	BREAK visit Vendors/Resident Entertainment	
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	“Effective Employee Communication”	Suzanne Tolbert
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	LUNCH/Resident Entertainment	
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	“That Was a Disaster!”	Michael Arther
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	“Communicating with ADPH”	Kelley Mitchell, RN Bureau of Provider Standards Supervisor, ALF Division
3:30 pm	Adjournment	

Assisted Living Association of Alabama

2011 Fall Conference Registration

September 28-29, 2011 / Renaissance RiverView Plaza, Mobile

FEES: Postmarked by July 29, 2011

(Includes all scheduled conference breakfasts, breaks, and luncheons. All fees are per person.)

Member Rate: \$249.00 Non-Member Rate: \$300.00

FEES: Postmarked after July 29, 2011 (but before September 6)

(Includes all scheduled conference breakfasts, breaks, and luncheons. All fees are per person.)

Member Rate: \$289.00 Non-Member Rate: \$359.00

Government Rate: \$90.00

***** On-Site: Member Rate: \$375.00 - Non-Member rate: \$415.00** NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

(ANYTHING postmarked / delivered 3 days prior to seminar date)

PAYMENT:

Check Enclosed (Payable to ALAA) Please fax a receipt to: _____

Please charge my Visa MasterCard / Total Charge: \$ _____

Name on Card: _____ Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____

(Cancellations will not be given after September 6)

ALAA Member Non-Member

Facility/Organization Name: _____

Registrant Name & Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____, _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

(A registration form should be filled out for each person attending.)

All changes/substitutions must be made in writing and faxed to (334) 262-4603.

Ways to Register:

- 1) Mail to ALAA
5921 Carmichael Road
Montgomery, AL 36117
- 2) Fax completed form to
(334) 262-4603

Hotel Information:

Call the Renaissance at (251) 438-4000 to make hotel reservations under the Assisted Living Association rate of \$139.00. Group Rate Deadline of \$139 per night is August 27, 2010.

GUIDELINES *IT WORKS FOR ME*

The program/process may be presented in any form, such as **word document, video, pictures**, etc., so long as the **6 criteria listed below** are addressed.

1. The program/process addresses a clearly defined need, problem, or situation.
2. The program/process corresponds to a need identified in the ADPH Rules & Regulations for Assisted Living or improves the quality of life for our residents.
3. The need, problem, or situation involves residents and a variety of staff.
4. The program/process can be applied in other facilities feasibly & effectively.
5. The cost for implementing the program/process is feasible for other facilities to use.
6. The program is innovative. (Project innovativeness will be judged by panel only.)

Each of the criteria are judged on a scale of 1-4, with the highest being 4. The total becomes the score for the *It Works For Me* program/process submitted. The facilities will remain anonymous to the judges. The top five winners will then present their project to an *It Works For Me* presentation offered by the association, and monetary rewards will be given to the winning facilities. All entries will be recognized in a booklet given to all attendees

Implementation Plan

- Application entries due by February 29, 2012
Mail to: Amy Findley / “It Works for Me”
Assisted Living Association of Alabama
5921 Carmichael Road
Montgomery, AL 36117
- Panel to determine winners by April 20, 2011
- “*It Works For Me*” presentation will be July 2012 in Birmingham

APPLICATION

It Works For Me! *Excellence in Assisted Living*

- In 100 words or less, describe your *It Works For Me* program.
- What problems does your program address, and what is its' primary purpose?
- What group(s) of residents and others are involved in your *It Works For Me* program, and how does it work (who and how many are helped, what are the benefits to these people and what methods or procedures/protocols are used to get results)?
- What has your *It Works For Me* program accomplished, and how have you been able to tell this (you may give numbers and/or specifics before and after examples)?
- What problems, obstacles, or challenges might other facilities face in replicating part to all of your innovation? Were there any adverse effects or any ways that things turned out differently than you had planned?
- What was the cost to implement your *It Works For Me* program (include dollars, equipment, supplies, etc)?
- What are the reasons you consider this *It Works For Me* program to be *excellent and innovative*?