

As 2011 comes to a close we reflect on the year (almost!) gone by and hope you took advantage of:

Education and Training

Economical education programs providing BENHA and other continuing education units on pertinent topics including: leadership, labor & union activity, marketing and census building, revenue cycle management and food safety training.

Survey

Comp/Benefit/Operations Survey offered again this year in the fall to facilitate sharing of valuable information to help you manage your facility. New timeline for 2012: June-September.

Contract Cost Savings

A wide variety of cost savings options through our group purchasing program to improve your bottom line. Special 2011 enhancements included: new dairy vendor, elevator maintenance, florist and document management.

Member Participation

As a member driven association we look to our members for direction and leadership. We sincerely thank all of you who attended programs and participated in networking, collaborative problem solving and sharing of best practices to bring value to each other. In addition, our sincere thanks to the members who provided leadership by participating on a board or work group in 2011:

Affiliate Advisory Board—**Margie Berryman, Cottingham Retirement Community, Janie Krechting, Wellspring at Evergreen Retirement Community, Fred Jamison, Garden Park Health Care and Steve Schreck, Loveland Health Care.**

Affiliate members **Valerie Landell, The Visiting Nurse Assoc; Amy Mallowney, Clovernook Health Care Pavilion; Janie Krechting, Evergreen Retirement/Wellspring** are members of the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Task Force. This group has been designing a standardized hospital-to-extended care facility discharge form. The form is currently being piloted at 2 hospitals and will be finalized for general use in 2012.

Other Affiliate work group members in 2011 included: Elevator Maintenance—**Mike Branam, Beechwood Home; Stan Silverman, Health Care Management Group; Tom Vaughn, Brookwood Retirement; Dairy—Amber Adams, Alois Alzheimer Center; Rex Stewart, Talbert House.**

Member News

Congratulations to Affiliate member **Hospice of Cincinnati** for winning the Health Council's 2011 Innovative Solutions Award! The Council is proud to recognize members for innovative approaches to health care process improvements allowing members to share best practices and new strategies. Click [here](#) for more information about this award.

Congratulations to Shane Craycraft and his staff at Garden Manor Retirement Village who were awarded a prestigious national quality award from the American Health Care Association!



*Happy Holidays and best wishes in the New Year from the Greater Cincinnati Health Council!
We sincerely appreciate your membership and look forward to serving you in 2012!*