

## **Chapter Chatter NJ Chapter, 9-21-16**

**The New Jersey Board of Directors and Staff is busily planning their April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Convention. This years Theme is: “Oh The Places you will Go! Passport to Excellence.” It’s going to be a Dr. Suess theme, and boy are we having fun with it. The Board met back in August to review all of your evaluations from last years Convention, and all of your suggestions for topics. We have formulated a slate of speakers we think you will all be very happy with.**

**We will start out Convention Sunday with our Keynote: Joseph Kiernan, Chief Strategy Officer, Senior Vice President Network Development at Ocean Healthcare has graciously agreed to present our keynote speech for our 2017 NJDONA Convention. He has extensive knowledge about the new CMS regulations and guidelines re ACO’s bundle payments and so forth. Already he is planning his speech around the DR Seuss theme and he plans to develop his presentation on “The Cat in the Hat with Thing 1 (ACO) Thing 2 (Bundle payments). Thing 3 (discharge planning) etc. He does plan to have The VP of clinical services as part of the presentation to address the clinical side and the integration of financial & clinical; and to include the six new quality measures.**

**Then we have Lisa Schwind speaking on “Accident or Abuse.” We also have Jenny Dunkle speaking on, “LGBTQ.” “Dr. Makris will present to us “Antibiotic Stewardship.”**

**Convention Monday, we have, “Understanding QM’s: Key to your Facility’s Survival,” with our own Nelia Adaci.”**

**We then are presenting “Enhanced Dining ,” with Christopher Stewart. We have Beth Nolan, PhD, from Teepa Snow’s Group, speaking on Dementia; she will also be presenting a video in this two session series.**

**On our last day, Convention Tuesday, we have Dr. Fran Hoh, speaking on Palliative Care. Back by popular demand is Pam Lembak and Debra DiCello from the State giving you the most up to date information Available by the State, this is not to be missed. In fact attending this session will get you State Inspection ready. And to round out the sessions we will again be presenting Nelia Adaci, from “The Chart’s Group,” speaking on “Strategies to Improve your Facility’s QM’s: It’s All About Data!”**

**This year we will also be providing two separate Assisted Living Programs. “The Survey Process in Assisted Living,” Presented by Beth Bell. And also “Certified Medication Aides,” with Loretta Kaes.” Many of you asked for more AL programs and we have them for you.**

**As always, we will also be having all the things you have grown to Love about our Convention: Continental Breakfasts all three days of the Convention. Lunches provided for all three days. And if your attending for the full Convention, you will also be given a ticket to attend our very popular “Awards Dinner.” We still have the Vendor raffles, the Scholarship Auction, The Sunday night Vendor Reception and the extremely popular “After Dinner Reception.”**

**So mark your Calendars right away for April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Bally’s Atlantic City. Please keep an eye on our Web-Site at: [www.NIADONA.org](http://www.NIADONA.org), for more details as they**

**become available. Registrations Forms should be available by mail and our web site by the first week of January. Looking forward to seeing you all there for yet another fun filled Convention. As always, if you should have any questions, Contact me at: [NJADONA@comcast.net](mailto:NJADONA@comcast.net) or call me at: 856-304-1760. "Oh The Places We Will Go."**