



Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association Annual Meeting Minutes Hybrid – May 13, 2025 – 9:30 am

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 am by Chair Colleen Stuart. Having at least 10% of the voting members participating in-person and/or on the webinar, a quorum was present.

Welcome and Chair Report

Chair Colleen Stuart welcomed the members. Ms. Stuart recognized and thanked the provider members with the work they do in serving their clients. She also thanked the RCPA Board members and the RCPA staff for the work they do. Ms. Stuart emphasized the importance of being involved with RCPA.

2024 Annual Meeting Minutes – Richard Edley

The minutes from the May 14, 2024 Annual Meeting were presented for review by Richard Edley for Secretary Joanne Tangney. George Gwilliam made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Charlie Barber seconded the motion. With no questions or comments, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report – Richard Edley

Richard presented the financial report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024 and gave an update of the financials as of April 2025. The RCPA review performed by Maher Duessel reflects over \$7M in assets which is higher than the previous year. There were no material modifications noted in the management letter. Much of the revenue was generated by our investment portfolio due to the positive fluctuations in the markets for 2024. The current fiscal year also has a strong balance sheet. This current fiscal year is higher than budgeted due to new memberships and a successful conference. RCPA continues to closely monitor our expenses to stay within budget of our operating expenses. The RCPA Investment Committee continues to meet quarterly with our portfolio managers due to the uncertainty in the markets.

Nominating Committee Report – Nofre Vaquer

Nominating Committee consisted of Richard Edley, RCPA; Brandy Burnham, AHEDD; George Gwilliam, Cori’s Place; Mike Hopkins, Children’s Service Center of Wyoming Valley, Inc.; Colleen Stuart, Venango Training & Development Center, Inc.; and Nofre Vaquer, SpArc Philadelphia. Mr. Vaquer proposed the slate of candidates for Officers and Directors at-large as:

Members at Large - Three-year term: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028

Susan Coyle, CEO, Chartiers Center, Bridgeville

Board Officers - One-year term: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Chairperson: Carl Clark, CEO, Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health
Chairperson-Elect: Ted Dallas, President/COO, Merakey
Treasurer: Robert Labatch, President, Hope Enterprises, Inc.
Secretary: Joanne Tangney, President, Success Rehabilitation, Inc.

No additional nominations were submitted by those present or by webinar. Mr. Vaquer closed nominations and requested a motion. With more than 10% of the voting membership voting, the slate of Directors and Officers were approved.

President/CEO Address – Richard Edley

Richard Edley reviewed the RCPA priorities and activities performed throughout the past year. He discussed the success of Capitol Day, the 2024 Year in Review, the 2025 Legislative and Administrative priorities. Dr. Edley spoke about division-specific initiatives related to the Governor's Proposed budget, IDD funding and wait list, PH/BH capitation, rate studies, and regulatory reform. Federal issues were also discussed including Medicaid and other projected cuts and what the potential impact may be for providers.

In addition, Dr. Edley summarized the growth and strength of RCPA. RCPA continues to work with DHS, the Legislature, and Governor's Office to influence decisions made. We work closely with our National Associations (National Council and ANCOR) to advocate for federal issues. RCPA provides education webinars. We work closely with other Coalitions preparing comments, sign-on letters, rate studies, etc. Dr. Edley also spoke about the RCPA Annual Conference to be held at the Hershey Lodge in September 2025.

Government Affairs Update

Jack Phillips, Novak Strategic Advisors, Paul Dlugolecki and Pat Brier from Brier Dlugolecki Strategies, LLC addressed the membership in providing State and Federal updates. The State proposed budget will not be finalized any time soon until information from the Federal level is provided. Decisions on issues like Medicaid and Education on the Federal level will ultimately have a major effect on the PA budget. Additional discussion was held on the issues including the rainy-day fund, recreational marijuana, skill games and Personal Income tax increases.

Dr. Edley discussed the importance of our legislative/lobbying priorities and supporting the RCPA PAC, as RCPA continues to attend numerous fundraisers with legislators seeking support for RCPA issues. In addition to RCPA advocacy, it was stressed that we all need to reach out to our Legislators to advocate, as the greater the reach will impact our influence.

Other Business

Before closing, Dr. Edley presented Chair Colleen Stuart with an award for her term as Board Chair. Ms. Stuart will remain on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee as Past-Board Chair. Ms. Stuart thanked the Board members, Richard, policy staff and support staff, and all the members for their work and dedication.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.

Compiled by
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Submitted by
Joanne Tangney, Secretary