

# CLINICAL OPERATIONS & REGULATORY COMMITTEE March 20, 2025 9:30 AM Zoom

## **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order and introductions were made. Minutes were approved. There were no agenda additions.

Laura will inquire of members via email to seek out EVV information for the annual conference.

#### **Education Committee**

Cindy reported on the annual conference, emphasizing the deadline for registration and room reservations. The deadline for early bird pricing is by March 28, 2025. Overnight room reservations need to be made by April 14, 2025.

Cindy also mentioned upcoming webinars and the popular "hot topics" series. Karen appreciated the hot topic recording on the plan of care and shared it with other team members.

### **Committee Survey Follow-Up**

The majority of survey respondents elected to move to every other month. Our next meeting will be in May at the annual conference. Some indicated interest in continuing education being available at the meetings and MHHA is working on that.

#### **Sharing Segment**

Bala shared information pertaining to last month's conversation regarding the HIPPS code difference in comorbidity adjustment stating that CMS adjusted this in January.

Erik Wilson, Optimal Care and Careline Hospice, was new to the group and welcomed. He shared on a recent CHAP survey. Surveyors are focusing on hospice covering medications even if they are not related to the primary diagnosis. The surveyors were not receiving well that it is the physician's decision and are expecting that most medications are covered.