

## **Vermilion Manor Nursing Home Committee Meeting**

**August 25, 2009**

**Vermilion Manor Conference Room**

### **MINUTES**

#### **ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Orick Nightlinger called the Nursing Home Committee of the Vermilion County Board to order in the conference room of Vermilion Manor Nursing Home on August 25, 2009 at 5:15pm.

#### **ITEM 2. ROLL CALL**

Upon call of the roll, the following members were present, to wit: Orick Nightlinger, John Dreher, Scott Kair, Russ Pollitt, Daniel Walls and Chuck White.

6 Present; 1 Absent.

Also present were Joan Darr, Administrator; Jim McMahon, County Board Chairman; Jess Cole, Director of Nursing; Tracy McCrae, Assistant Administrator and Catherine Hix, secretary.

#### **ITEM 3. AMENDMENT/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Mr. Pollitt, second by Mr. Kair, to approve the agenda after deletion of Item 8.

Motion carried by acclamation.

#### **ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2009**

Motion made by Mr. Dreher, second by Mr. Kair, to approve the minutes as written.

Motion carried by acclamation.

#### **ITEM 5. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None at this time.

#### **ITEM 6. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR**

A copy of the report is attached.

Public Health has still not returned for their revisit. Mr. Pollitt stated that Mrs. Darr's letter reported that the Plan of Correction had a completion date of June 19, 2009. The State of Illinois has chosen not to come back and the fine continues at \$300.00 per day. That is 3 months for a total of \$27,000 for the State of Illinois not doing their job. He feels that is absurd and atrocious. Perhaps Mr. Black or Mr. Frerichs could do something about it.

Mr. McMahon stated that he had talked with Mr. Black and Mr. Frerichs. They said exactly what Mrs. Darr said and that is that you don't want to push Public Health. You want to push gently but not firmly. If you make these surveyors mad they will clean house and come in and tag all sorts of things. Mr. Pollitt feels that that is blackmail. Mr. McMahon stated that it is the real world unfortunately. Once things have been cleared, we can argue the fine because they did not return.

Mr. Cole reported that he worked at a facility in Chicago and their annual survey went very, very well. The owner decided that he should be getting a better Public Aid rate and he asked Mike Madigan to contact Public Health. That upset them and 9 days later they sent the Federal surveyors in and they wrote 102 pages of deficiencies and decertified the facility. All 350 residents had to be moved out.

Mrs. Darr stated that North Logan Healthcare is in the same situation. Their last day for admissions is August 26<sup>th</sup>. If this continues, people may have to go to Champaign because Colonial Manor is full, Hawthorne limits their Public Assistance admissions and many don't want to go to Danville Care.

Mr. McMahon stated that he agrees with Mrs. Darr not admitting new residents at this time. Admissions were not stopped 3 years ago and the facility lost around \$200,000.

Mrs. Darr reported that the average daily census has increased from 140.04 three years ago to 156.43 in 2009. Medicare average daily census has risen by 3,280 days per year in the same time period.

The facility has paid \$733,949.65 in principal and \$47,178.95 in interest for a total of \$781,128.60 on the loan. There are six payments remaining.

Motion made by Mr. White, second by Mr. Pollitt, to approve the Administrators Report.

Motion carried by acclamation.

**ITEM 7.**

**ITEM 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO OPEN MEETINGS ACT 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)**

Not needed at this time.

**ITEM 8a. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)**

Not needed at this time.

**ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Motion made by Mr. White, second by Mr. Dreher, to approve Items 9 through 12.

Upon call of the roll, 6 voted yes; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The following members voted yes, to wit: Dreher, Kair, Pollitt, Walls, White and Nightlinger.

**ITEM 10. APPROVAL OF GENERAL CHECKING**

**ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ACTIVITY ACCOUNT**

**ITEM 12. APPROVAL OF VENDING ACCOUNT**

**ITEM 13. QUESTIONS/CONCERNS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. White stated that he agrees with Mr. McMahon concerning the current situation of not admitting new residents at this time.

Mr. Nightlinger asked for clarification of the old monies due to the county in the new budget. Mrs. Darr reported that the loan will be paid in full in February 2010 and beginning in March payments will begin to be made on the outstanding money paid by the county for the Nursing Home. Mr. Nightlinger and Mr. Pollitt felt that this outstanding amount should be forgiven. However, this amount has been included in the new budget.

Mr. Pollitt stated that he doesn't feel there should be any interest on this money and that there should not be a stated monthly amount paid. He would rather the nursing home be able to hold this money in reserve for any future expenses.

Mr. McMahon stated that if the Nursing Home had not included this in their budget the County would have to raise their levy. This debt is not a hardship at this time for the Nursing Home and it is not a loan. If something was to happen and the facility could not make a payment one month, then it would just carry over to the next month.

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Mr. McMahon stated that he wants the committee to know that Mrs. Darr and her team are doing a fantastic job. There has been a set back with a current grievance. The person discharged will be reinstated. The Union has put in a request to look at other discharges for the same reason. This is a bump in the road and it will be resolved.

**ITEM 14. PER DIEM ROLL CALL**

Upon call of the roll, the following members were present: Dreher, Kair, Pollitt, Walls, White and Nightlinger.

**ITEM 15. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Dreher, second by Mr. Kair, to adjourn.

Motion carried by acclamation.

Mr. Nightlinger adjourned the meeting at 5:50 pm.

Transcribed by

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