

Sauk County Health Care Center
1051 Clark Street, Reedsburg, WI
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, September 13, 2012

Members present: Art Carlson, Joan Smoke, Bill Higgins, Henry Netzing, Terri Langer, and Joe Fish

Member absent: Mary Ellen Murray

Others present: Theresa Dietz, Kim Gochanour, Diane Gade, Marty Krueger and Ken "Duke" Weber.

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice-Chair Art Carlson and certified compliance with the open meeting law.

2. Motion by Langer, second by Higgins to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Higgins, second by Netzing to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment - Ken "Duke" Weber, a current resident of the Health Care Center, said the board can be proud of the HCC and staff. He indicated that the employees here are wonderful and the care is the "best in the state". The board thanked him for the kind words.

5. Communications – Marty spoke to the board about the Alzheimer's Walk on Saturday the 22nd and the "Tip Night" fundraiser at the Reedsburg Pizza Ranch on the 19th. There will also be a raffle, and tickets are being sold for \$10 for a buffet and soda which can be used until 11/30/12.

Art shared an e-mail from Mary Ellen stating things she would like the group to discuss. He also shared an article which Kim wrote for the WCA Magazine.

6. Kim updated the board on the budget she will submit to the Finance Committee and highlighted some items of interest. We budgeted for an increase in the cost of Health Insurance, which has not yet been announced. Other items impacting the budget are: the non-filled vacancy in the business office, increasing our private pay rate, increase in food and fuel costs and a decrease in our supplemental payment. The budget will be presented to the Finance Committee on September 26.

Motion by Netzing, second by Fish to approve the budget as presented and forward it to the Finance Committee for consideration. Motion carried.

7. Discussion of Chapter 89 and future plans for the HCC. Discussion held regarding Residential Care Apartment Complexes (RCAC) which are basically independent apartments which are not heavily regulated and allow not more than 28 hours per week of services that can be provided per resident. Residents often have to move because of the lack of services and need for more care. A Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF) is a much better fit for us with unlimited hours of care for each resident, however they are more heavily regulated.

The discussion also included the possibility of a public/private partnership in whatever we decide; the need to look at what fits with our nursing home; and what the needs are now and in the future.

Several areas of need were discussed. Marty indicated that there was a discussion held with some private businessmen who were interested in a partnership with the county to build some other facility on the campus. Talking with them again may be helpful. Also, could speak with other counties who have recently added a CBRF or other building to their campus. We need to get as much input as possible to make a more informed decision.

8. Discussion of increasing the private pay rate for the HCC.

Motion by Fish, second by Terri to increase the private pay rate from \$245 to \$250 per day beginning on January 1. Motion carried.

9. Discussion of quarterly donations.

Motion by Smoke, second by Higgins to approve the donations in the amount of \$320. Motion carried.

10. Business Office report. Theresa presented the vouchers and Kim highlighted items of interest. Operations statement and aged receivables were also discussed. Aging receivables looked very good this month. Kim commended Theresa and her staff for their hard work to improve efficiencies in the business office. The board concurred.

Motion by Netzinger, second by Smoke to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$89,431.75. Motion carried.

11. Administrator's report. Kim attended the normal meetings during the month of August and finished the 2013 budget. In addition, she attended a Virtual Pace meeting with Southwest Family Care, an Interact II webinar, our annual tailgate luncheon and a fundraiser for the Memory Walk. She also attended a WACH meeting, had a budget review and participated in our second blood drive of the year. We continue to work towards a contract with the VA and possibly Hospice. Our annual Safe Halloween is on October 28 from 1:30 – 3:30.

12. Possible agenda items for the next meeting were discussed. We will continue our discussion of future plans for the campus.

13. Next meeting date is Thursday, October 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Netzinger, second by Higgins, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Art Carlson, Vice-Chairperson