

Sauk County Health Care Center
1051 Clark Street, Reedsburg, WI
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, August 9, 2012

Members present: Art Carlson, Joan Smoke, Mary Ellen Murray, Bill Higgins, Henry Netzinger, and Terri Langer

Member absent: Joe Fish

Others present: Theresa Dietz, Kim Gochanour, Diane Gade, Marty Krueger

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Mary Ellen Murray and certified compliance with the open meeting law.

2. Motion by Carlson, second by Smoke to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Joan, second by Langer to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

4. No public comment

5. No communications

Item #6 and #7 were reversed.

6. Kim updated the board on the budget process including a discussion of increasing private pay rates. Kim proposed a modest increase of 2%. Will discuss again in the future. We need to give 30 days written notice of any rate increase to our residents/guardians. There was also some discussion of raising the rate for our rehab unit to encourage residents to move off of that unit if they become long term. Continued working on budget and we will see a small increase. With the increase of food, energy and contract costs it is inevitable. Looking into contracting with the VA to provide services for veterans. Will send contract to Corp. Council for input.

7. Trish Vandre of ADRC spoke to the group and indicated that services to keep the elderly in the community are being encouraged, but there will always be a need for nursing homes. Our challenge is figuring out how to partner with other service providers to most benefit the community. Many community providers rely on family members as caregivers to assist in providing services. We need to focus more on caregivers to offer training, respite, day services, day care or perhaps some sort of activity drop-in service. We always should look at the need and figure out how to provide it. Transportation is always at the top of the list of concern/need for the elderly population. The Bus has helped with this but more could be done. The demand for behavioral care is also a big concern. One solution could be Adult Family Homes which have fewer regulations and a smaller, more family-like environment. Emphasis is also on wellness/prevention, so programs helping in that area are useful. Technology is being used more and more to help monitor the elderly to ensure their safety in the home. We also need a workforce – personal care workers have to have a good wage, benefits and support to assure success when working with the elderly in the community or in facilities. Trish noted that her number one concern is our having the capacity to meet the needs, especially considering the upcoming “baby boomer” generation.

8. Discussion of future plans and building options. Kim noted that we will keep this item on the agenda to continue looking at options for the future.

9. Foundation has not met. Will plan a meeting for September.

10. Discussion of resolutions commending employees for years of service.

Motion by Netzinger, second by Carlson to approve the resolutions commending Anna Post for 18+ years of service and Richard Schulze for 20 years of service to the Health Care Center. Motion carried.

11. Business Office report. Theresa presented the vouchers and highlighted items of interest. Operations statement and aged receivables were also discussed. Kim commended Theresa and her staff for their hard work to improve efficiencies in the business office.

Motion by Smoke, second by Netzinger to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$93,626.28. Motion carried.

12. Administrator's report. Kim attended the normal meetings during the month of July and continued working on the 2013 budget. In addition, Kim attended a Region II meeting, Health Quality Concerns meeting, the first Interact II webinar, and the WACH meeting. She also attended the capital budget meeting for the county and met with Southwest Family Care to discuss Virtual Pace.

13. Possible agenda items for the next meeting were discussed. Items to be included are: 2013 budget, future plans and building options, discussion of Chapter 89 of the Wisconsin Statutes regarding RCAC's. Chairman Krueger asked the group to discuss the possibility of developing a state/county partnership and construct a plan/initiative to further develop this campus.

14. Next meeting date is Thursday, September 13 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Mary Ellen Murray, Chairperson