

Sauk County Health Care Center
1051 Clark Street, Reedsburg, WI
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, March 3, 2011

Members Present: Steve Bach, Art Carlson, Linda Borleske, Henry Netzing, Bill Higgins, Mary Ellen Murray

Members Absent: Terri Langer

Others Present: Kim Gochanour, Penny Clary, John Peterson, Diane Gade

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Steve Bach and certified compliance with the open meeting law.

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

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

4. Public Comment . None

5. Communications. Kim announced that there was an article in the Reedsburg Independent regarding the recent press release from US News and World Report naming the Health Care Center as one of the 64 best Nursing Homes in Wisconsin based on our current 5-Star rating. She also updated the board on the latest stained glass window sketches for review.

6. Overview of Dementia Care Neighborhood by John Peterson, LPN, Dementia Unit Coordinator. John explained that the neighborhood was specifically designed for dementia care with an emphasis on psycho-social needs rather than the typical medical model, however medical needs of the residents are addressed. The disease process needs to be understood to provide the structure and specific care planning needed to provide adequate care for our residents. We are able to meet our resident's needs more easily through the building design, adequate staff numbers, consistent staffing, staff assignments, and staff training. We are very closely involved with the Alzheimer's Dementia Care Alliance and have hosted two training courses here. We are working towards having all staff working on the neighborhood to be Dementia Care Specialists. Individualized care is extremely important and is accomplished through knowing the residents well which is an ongoing process. Our unit is not appropriate for residents whose behaviors are of a more acute concern. We currently have a waiting list for this unit.

7. Business office report and voucher review.

Discussion held regarding vouchers, operations statement and aged receivables.

Motion by Netzing, second by Borleske to approve the vouchers for February in the amount of \$90,710.73. Motion carried.

8. Administrator's report. Kim updated the board on various activities of the HCC over the past month. February was again spent preparing for State Survey. We will be preparing some TV ads to promote the Health Care Center later this spring. Held conference with the stained glass artisan to review sketches for some of the windows. Our therapy resolution was approved by the County Board and we have met with the new company. Continue with all staff meetings and inservices. Attended Lobby Day in Madison. Another Lobby Day is scheduled for April 13. Will hold a special Board Meeting to get approval for our members to attend. Will be sending a request to the Finance Committee to carry-over our special donation fund and some additional carry-over from 2010.

Our special meeting to look at programs and priorities will be scheduled during our June board meeting.

9. Next meeting set for Thursday, April 7, at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Borleske, second by Carlson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Steve Bach, Chairperson