

Sauk County Health Care Center
1051 Clark Street, Reedsburg, WI
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, November 8, 2012

Members present: Art Carlson, Joe Fish, Bill Higgins, Henry Netzing, Terri Langer, and Mary Ellen Murray

Member absent: Joan Smoke

Others present: Theresa Dietz, Kim Gochanour, Diane Gade

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 Higgins to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

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

4. No public comment.

5. Communications – Kim passed around an Open House invitation for an adult family home in LaCrosse County.

6. Guest via phone was Ralph Luedtke, Administrator of Lasada Sr. Living Campus in Ozaukee County. Mr. Luedtke summarized their current situation and what facilities they have on their campus. He then discussed the process the facility and board went through to arrive at the decisions they made. Five years ago they began the process and held community meetings to discuss options and the needs of the community. At that time they were 75% Medicaid residents, were losing money and the industry was changing. They needed to make changes, give people options, and become more efficient. A consultant was hired to give advice on the direction that should be taken. The union made concessions and several departments were outsourced.

Decision was to keep the nursing home, run it more like a business and to build a residential care apartment complex (RCAC) – 66 bed capacity. They also decided to downsize the nursing home to 150 beds – it currently is at 175. They made the decision to build a moderately priced RCAC that would take Family Care residents, since there were none in the county. Residents have a choice of three levels of services with charges accordingly. They have independent apartments and assisted living joined by a dining/activity area. The facility was opened in July of 2010 and was full within two years. They expect a substantial profit next year.

7. Discussion continued regarding our future plans and options. At some point will need to update the County Board on what we are looking at and the options out there. We would also like to bring in the group that approached Marty and Kim regarding options. In the future we would also like to schedule a special planning meeting to discuss options in depth.

8. Adjustments were discussed.

Motion by Netzing, second by Carlson to approve the adjustments as presented. Motion carried.

9. Business Office report. Theresa presented the vouchers and Kim highlighted items of interest. Operations statement and aged receivables were also discussed.

Motion by Netzing, second by Fish to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$75,236.71. Motion carried.

10. Administrator's report. Kim attended the normal meetings during the month of October. We have received word from the VA that we have been recommended for a contract. We are in the process of planning for our annual Employee Appreciation/Holiday party which is on December 11. Invitations are in the packets. We will serve from 10:30 – 1:00 with the program at 1:00. The Sunshine Club sponsors this event. All board members are invited to attend.

11. Possible agenda items for the next meeting were discussed. We will continue our discussion of future plans for the campus; Kim has arranged for guest speaker Ed Somers, Administrator of Samaritan Health Center in West Bend, to discuss building issues with this board.

12. Next meeting date is Thursday, December 6 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Mary Ellen Murray - Chairperson