

# Minutes

## Operating Board of Directors DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center February 11, 2021

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Present Directors: Ferald Bryan, Pat Conboy, Karen Cribbins, Steve Kuhn, Greg Millburg, Rita Nielsen.

Absent Directors: William Cummings

Also Present: Gary Hanson, Scott Gima, Steve Duchene, Brian Gregory

Rita Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. The meeting is being held as a Virtual Public Meeting.

Motion: Steve Kuhn moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an Executive Session, pursuant to 5((ILCS 120/2(c)). Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees. Greg Millburg seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Rita Nielsen asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the agenda. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

The January 13, 2021 meeting minutes will be reviewed at the March meeting.

### **Public Comments:**

Gary Hanson introduced Brian Gregory, the new County Administrator as of March 1, 2021.

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

Election of Officers. The bylaws require a ballot election for the Chair and Vice-Chair for a one-year term. Nielsen offered two options – a ballot vote or suspension of the rules to have a voice vote. Unanimous approval was given to have a voice vote. Nielsen asked for nominations for the Chair. Conboy nominated Nielsen. Seconded by Kuhn. Nomination accepted by Nielsen. No other nominations were made. Nielsen asked for a roll call vote. The nomination was unanimously accepted.

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Nielsen asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Kuhn nominated by Millburg. Seconded by Conboy. No other nominations were made. Nielsen asked for a roll call vote. The nomination was unanimously accepted.

Management Report. Gima provided a summary of the January COVID outbreak and efforts to mitigate the outbreak by ongoing room moves to separate positive and negative residents. Gima discussed the IDPH complaint survey and infection control survey that occurred during the outbreak and the possible daily fines, potential for single financial penalties and conditional license that could be imposed by IDPH and CMS. Gima also discussed the IDR appeal process. Gima also discussed the CMS survey that started immediately after the IDPH survey and has been ongoing into week three. Gima noted that this is the third COVID infection control survey during the pandemic in June and September.

Kuhn asked if any tracking was done with the January outbreak. Gima stated that it is impossible to contact trace the source.

Gima stated the last resident positive test was on January 24. The last staff positive test was identified on January 25. All residents are no longer on quarantine.

Duchene stated that the county positivity rate was 16.7% at the time of the outbreak. Since then, over a three-week period, the positivity rate has declined to 5.7 percent.

Gima summarized the past and current infection control procedures, resident and staff COVID testing and the status of the vaccinations for residents and staff. Initially, about 60% of the staff were vaccinated, but since the first vaccination clinic, the staff vaccination rate has increased to more than 70%. A recent study found the national nursing home vaccination rate for staff is 37.5%.

Kuhn asked if there has been any feedback from families. Duchene stated that there has been positive feedback. Cummings asked about the potential fines and penalties. Gima answered that that is unknown at this time.

### **Executive Session:**

Motion: Steve Kuhn moved to adjourn and open an Executive/ Closed Session, pursuant to 5((ILCS 120/2(c)). Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees. Pat Conboy seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was held and the closed session was unanimously approved.

At 8:24 a.m., Executive Session took place with the following individuals present: Gary Hanson, Brian Gregory, Scott Gima and Steve Duchene.

**Executive Session ended at 8:38**

**Next Meeting:** March 10, 2021

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Motion: Greg Millburg moved to adjourn; Steve Kuhn seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Rita Nielsen asked for a vote to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Scott T. Gima

Recorder