

Minutes

Operating Board of Directors DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center August 18, 2021

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Present Directors: Ferald Bryan, William Cummings, Steve Kuhn, Greg Millburg, Rita Nielsen. Karen Cribben left the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Absent Directors: Karen Cribben

Also Present: Brain Gregory, Scott Gima, Steve Duchene, Amy Larson, Maggie Niemi

Rita Nielsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Motion: William Cummings moved to approve the agenda with the Executive Session moved up to the first item of New Business. Seconded by Greg Millburg.

Voice Vote: Rita Nielsen asked for a voice vote on the approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Steve Kuhn moved to approve the July 14, 2021 open session minutes. Ferald Bryan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Rita Nielsen asked for a voice vote on the approval of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Gima reviewed the daily census trends for July through August 9, which has plateaued since mid-July at approximately 117. The current census is 117. Gima also discussed the recent trends in referrals that

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have underlying issues and circumstances that have led to a lower number and percentage of accepted referrals. There has been an increase in COVID+ referrals, for which Gima and Duchene discussed the marketing and operational concerns that arise with accepting COVID+ cases. A key factor is feedback from families that indicate a positive perception that DCRNC does not take COVID+ cases. This is an issue that will be monitored over the coming months as COVID will be around for the foreseeable future. Larson provided her opinion on the matter that impacts on staffing and the ability to have the resources to care for these cases safely.

Niemi discussed census, staffing, agency usage and maintenance. She provided a summary of a recent presentation given at a conference regarding recent HHS funds provided to nursing homes.

Nielsen asked for the staff that were in attendance to speak, including Catherine Bryant, Dawn Lawton and Pam Patrick.

Nielsen discussed conducting employee surveys at regular intervals after hire and employee performance evaluations. A discussion took place regarding the recent staff nurse raises and nurse manager wages. Niemi provided a quarterly compliance report.

Gima provided a summary of recent efforts in working with DHS to address the open Medicaid applications and redetermination cases. Gima also reviewed the August Pinnacle survey scores.

Executive Session:

Motion: Steve Kuhn moved to adjourn and open an Executive/ Closed Session, Greg Millburg seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Rita Nielsen asked for a roll call vote for an Executive/Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:42 a.m. Executive Session took place.

Executive Session ended at 9:58 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2021 to be held in the Multi-Purpose Room

Motion: Greg Millburg moved to adjourn. Bill Cummings seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Rita Nielsen asked for a voice vote to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Scott T. Gima
Recorder