

Minutes

Operating Board of Directors DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center September 8, 2021

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

Absent Directors: Ferald Bryan, Greg Millburg

Also Present: Brain Gregory, Scott Gima, Steve Duchene

Rita Nielsen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion: Steve Kuhn moved to approve the agenda with the Executive Session moved up to the first item of New Business. Seconded by Karen Cribben.

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 August 18, 2021 open session minutes. Bill Cummings seconded the motion.

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

Public Comments:

Catherine Bryant (Scheduler) provided an overview of the staffing schedule for the week and the issues that she is facing with the decrease in availability of nurses and CNAs. Dawn Lawton (Dietary Manager) discussed recruiting and staffing issues in dietary.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

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Gima reviewed the daily census trends for through August 26 for the overall census and Medicare census. On August 26, the total census was 119 with 12 Medicare. Gima also reviewed current referral and admission activity for the month of August and the first week of September. Referrals dropped off in mid-August with better numbers seen in the first week of September. A review of the reasons for denials were also reviewed.

Gima reviewed the monthly census for August of 117.7, compared to 121.1 for July. Gima indicated that agency expenses are down, which is a reflection of a decrease in need due to the census and the reduction in availability of agency staff. Gima discussed the current work on Medicaid Pending applications and efforts to work with DHS to address the cases.

Duchene provided an update on recent COVID positive cases. Testing for all workers and residents continue every three to seven days until there are 14 days of no new cases. Restricted indoor visitation continues in the B Building. Normal visitation continues in the A Building. The county positivity rate has dropped to 9.0 percent two weeks ago to 7.2 percent as of September 7. Duchene discussed the status of staff vaccinations and exemptions. Gima added that IDPH recently clarified the mandate that allows weekly testing for workers that are not vaccinated and the guidelines for the Federal vaccination mandate for healthcare workers is forthcoming in the month of October. Cummings asked about the enforcement of vaccination exemptions. Duchene stated that all reasonable requests are accepted. Gima mentioned that the national nursing home organizations are concerned that these mandates will lead to a loss of nursing home workers.

Executive Session:

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

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

At 9:29 a.m. October 8, 2021 an Executive Session took place.

Executive Session ended at 10:08 a.m.

Motion: Bill Cummings moved to approve the Nurse Manager Wage Bonus Resolution subject to the receipt of ARPA funding from the State of Illinois. Steve Kuhn seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Rita Nielsen asked for a roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion took place to change the next meeting date. Duchene discussed the current status of resident moves to close hallways and consolidate residents.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2021 to be held in the Multi-Purpose Room

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Motion: Steve Kuhn 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 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Scott T. Gima
Recorder