

Bloomfield Manor

Committee Meeting

May 14, 2009

2:00 P.M.

Present: Ron Benish, Everett Thomas, Jack Jinkins, Carol Anderson, Joe Thomas, Committee Members, Barbara Linscheid, N.H. Administrator and Randy Terronez, County Administrator.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Benish. J. Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of, 9a. Non-profit Status, and 9b. N95 Masks. 2nd by E. Thomas. Carried. Motion to approve April 16, 2009 minutes by Jinkins, 2nd by Anderson. Carried.

Strategic Plan/Market Study Update – Wipfli has prepared a Market Research Engagement Letter which has been forwarded to Iowa County's Corporation Counsel for review and approval. The document was reviewed as well by the County Administrator and the N.H. Administrator with minor changes recommended. The market research is tentatively scheduled to begin in June.

Dumbwaiter Update – Bloomfield is currently working with the State and the tentatively approved vendor, regarding state plan approval of the dumbwaiter replacement project.

Resident Smoking Room Update – Information was shared with the Health and Human Services committee at their May 6 meeting regarding the research that had been done to upgrade the current resident smoking room at Bloomfield. No action was taken by the Committee. Bloomfield will plan to comply with the Iowa County Smoking Ordinance which is effective June 1, 2009; residents will be required to smoke outside.

WACH Lobby Day – The Bloomfield N.H. Administrator, Administrative Assistant, the County Administrator and Mr. Benish attended the WACH lobby day in Madison on April 22. Representative Hilgenberg and Senator Schultz' office were visited and information shared regarding the CPE revenue in the Governor's budget proposal. Both legislators supported our position in that the CPE/SP revenue should be returned to the county nursing home facilities since they are responsible for generating the funds from the federal government. The WACH organization considered the lobby day effort as a whole a success.

The N.H. Administrator presented information regarding a proposed private pay rate increase of \$10.00/day. Motion made by E. Thomas, 2nd by J. Thomas to approve the proposed rates as presented, effective July 1, 2009.

Non-profit Status – Discussion was held regarding the difference between a non-profit status and a county-owned status. The N.H. Administrator shared information from a legal source regarding creating a Foundation/Endowment Fund. An outline will be developed regarding what we are requiring from the legal source, and brought back to the committee.

N95 Masks – Bloomfield has been communicating with the Health Department regarding the Novel H1N1 flu virus. Masks have been ordered and will be fitted. The Bloomfield Medical Director has been involved in the review of the protocols for Bloomfield.

The N.H. Administrator's report included discussion regarding census and the renewal of the Restricted Fund C.D.'s. Motion made by Jenkins, 2nd by Anderson that E. Thomas will confirm the interest rate at Farmers Savings Bank of 2.26% and renew the largest CD for 6 months unless a 12-month rate is better, and Benish will check the rate at Highland; if Highland's rate is better, the smaller CD's will be renewed there. Motion carried. The 2009 Balloon Fest, "Honoring Generations: A Country Hoedown" is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2009. The Committee is invited to participate in the parade. The N.H. Administrator shared with the Committee the document that was submitted to the Administrative Services Committee and the County Administrator regarding suggestions for saving dollars and increasing revenues at Bloomfield. The N.H. Administrator reported to the Committee that two state inspectors visited Bloomfield the week of May 4 to review records regarding infection control and investigations. The inspectors found the facility to be in compliance.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. Motion to adjourn by Anderson, 2nd by E. Thomas. Carried.