

**Health Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2007**

Meeting called to order by Robert Regan at 8:10 a.m. at Bloomfield Manor.

Present: Robert Regan, John Jenkins, Phil Mrozinski and Linda Pittz.

Others Present: June Meudt, Barb Lindscheid, Ron Benish, Everett Thomas, Randy Terronez and Kathy Cahill.

Certification of open meeting by Phil/Linda. Carried.

Motion to approve October minutes and November agenda by John/Phil.

Presentation by Barb Lindscheid, Administrator of Bloomfield Manor. Bloomfield is licensed for 85 people. Three types of people are admitted:

1. clinically complex
2. rehabilitation, as we have physical, occupational and speech therapy
3. Cognitively impaired. They have two units for Alzheimer patients (one 10 units and one 15 units). The CNAs on these units do get "dementia specialist" training. The staff has spoken at state Alzheimer's meeting also. They have a monthly support group for care givers.

Some Census: 2006 84 admissions so far. Discharged 31 to home, 25 have expired. Currently have 66 residents.

They are inspected annually by the state. There are over 500 regulations for a nursing home to comply with. Inspection took place in August. A few concerns were with the life-safety code (construction issues) and they need to be remedied.

The state has also increased protocol in regards to investigations regarding abuse, neglect or misappropriation of money of residents. All staff on that shift where investigations are pending must now sign a form in regards to the incident.

Inspectors also said this is an excellent facility and we should be proud of the facility.

Current projects: do have two elevators now, new entrance, computerizing charting, new medication distribution.

Motion to sign and send letter to Horizon Coop regarding pesticide spraying by Phil/John. Carried.

Motion to approve change in Rabies policy per Corporate Counsel suggestion by Phil/Linda. Carried.

Motion to recommend a \$1/hour increase for LTE PHN position from \$21 to \$22/hour by John/Phil. Carried.

At this time Robert Regan left the meeting and there was no longer a quorum.

A discussion on the Smoke-Free Policy for the county took place.

- Kevin King, Airport Coordinator, needs to forward the “leased contract” of private owner buildings to Corporate Counsel. Phil will talk to him about this.
- Smoking in nursing homes was discussed. If the county becomes a “non-smoking facility or campus” we need to have something available for those residents currently admitted who smoke. We are required to provide smoking outside undercover and adjacent to the building. This is already available at Bloomfield.
- There is a concern with taking rights away from someone who apparently enjoys this and is now in a facility that is their home. There is a concern with behavior issues of some patients when they are told they cannot smoke inside.
- Barb Lindscheid would like to get it outside of facility. She is concerned with smoking inside as this is a safety issue.
- How can we get people not to smoke in doorways? Can we add a distance to buildings to keep door areas smoke free also? Barb will bring this issue to the Management Team at Bloomfield for further discussion.
- Should we have an exemption in the ordinance to read: “Bloomfield’s administration and Airport Coordinator have outside smoking designated areas in accordance with state regulations or building contracts?”

It was decided that Barb, June, Kevin, and Randy will work on a new draft. They will then invite Tim to a face-to-face meeting to go over it prior to being reintroduced to committees.

Next meeting to be announced.

Adjourned.

Recorder: J. Meudt