

Sunny Acres Nursing Home & Countryside Estates
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
April 25,2023

Location: Menard County Courthouse County Board Room

Meeting Facilitator: John Hurley

Chairperson: Emily Schirding

Secretary: Tim Hurie

Attendees: Interim Administrator John Hurley, Countryside Estates Manager Tracy Suehring, Advisory Board Members Emily Schirding, Angie Fletcher, John Whitehurst, Steve Territo, Josh Gronewold, Tim Hurie, County Commissioners Rich Brauer, Troy Cummings, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, Heritage President and CEO of Heritage Enterprises, Inc, Benjamin Hart, Heritage Regional Director of Operations, Janette Strabala, and Director of Heritage Operations Robert Haerr

1. Discussion

- a) Janette spoke regarding food costs. She stated that March had been a "good month." Food costs were up but "expenses were below budget."
- b) Benjamin Hart spoke and stated that "quite a bit of progress had been made." Agency costs had been reduced and Ben gave John credit for working hard to hire nurses. Ben stated that labor costs are driving up the current Medicaid increase. Ben indicated that there was still "Medicaid dollars left on the table." "There is still potential as Sunny private pay is currently \$18 below the Medicaid rate." Because Medicaid payout is tied to private pay rates to capture the increase from Medicaid reimbursement an increase of \$240 to \$258 and \$250 to \$265 in private pay rates was suggested. Steve Territo moved the private pay charges be adjusted accordingly and Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed. These new rates would be in effect for new residents. A second motion was made by Josh and seconded by Steve that current residents would be charged the new rates on January 1, 2024. The motion passed.
- c) Robert Haerr discussed ongoing building improvements. He stated that shower two is in use and that work has begun on shower three. He is then hopeful the south end shower might be worked on. Robert addressed the nurse call system. The server which has been in use five years is failing. The south end nurse station is not functioning and the server needs replacing. Robert indicated that "Tech Electronics" has submitted a bid of \$26,000 to replace the server and upgrade the system. In addition a router for the network system is ageing and can be replaced for \$4,000. Steve Territo made a motion and Angie seconded that these improvements be made and that bids be accepted. The motion was passed. Janette stated that Marge Oblinger will be the new interim manger as that John will close his tenure at the end of the week. The next meeting will on Tuesday, May 30 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Hurie, Secretary of the Board