

HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 8, 2010

PRESENT: Supervisors Bussie, Joiner, Fizzell,

ABSENT: Kuznacic and Johnson

ALSO PRESENT: Sherry Gunderson, David Sudmeier, Ginger Katzman, David Hayes, Brent Sutherland, Josh Smith

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Chair Bussie called the meeting of the Rock County Health Services Committee to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Rock Haven Classroom. Supervisors Joiner and Fizzell moved approval of the agenda. ADOPTED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 5, 2010 - Supervisors Fizzell and Joiner moved approval of the minutes of January 5, 2010. ADOPTED.

INTRODUCTION OF CITIZENS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Warren Rudolph, RH Council; Jim Haseman, Volunteer Ombudsman; Russell Podzilni, County Board Chair.

BILLS - Supervisors Joiner and Fizzell moved to pay the 2009 and 2010 bills totaling \$19,147.67. ADOPTED.

BUDGET TRANSFERS - Supervisors Joiner and Fizzell moved the budget transfer \$21,650.00. ADOPTED.

PREAPPROVED ENCUMBRANCE/ENCUMBRANCES - None.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Survey Update - Rock Haven has received and paid the \$11,082.50 Federal fine, the amount owed after the 35 percent reduction after Ms. Gunderson waived the right to an appeal hearing. There is still no word on the State regarding forfeitures to be imposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Recognizing Barbara Kiskunas - Ms. Fena noted an incorrect name on line 8. The error was corrected and a new document prepared for signature. The resolution recognizes Ms. Kiskunas for her 16+ years of services to Rock Haven. Supervisors Joiner and Fizzell moved to approve the resolution as corrected. ADOPTED.

Human Services and DD Board Needs Related to Planning for the Future - Ms. Gunderson, David Sudmeier, and Josh Smith met with Luann Kane and John Hanewall from the DD Board and Charmian Klyve from Human Services.

The DD Board currently follows 11 Rock Haven residents. Rock Haven cares for DD residents who require short-term recovery from surgery or acute illness, long-term residents whose chronic health concerns are too complex for community placement, and those with end-stage illness. There are no unmet needs of the DD population at this time. The DD Board projects as many as 40 DD clients currently in the community may need nursing home placement over the next few years. This could increase Rock Haven's DD population to 20 or 25.

Supervisor Joiner asked who would serve the DD population if Rock Haven didn't exist. Ms. Gunderson said the DD Board has clients in other Rock County nursing homes; however, Rock Haven is special because it has social workers licensed and qualified to care for younger individuals with specialized needs. The problem is Rock County doesn't have assisted living centers with nursing staff that can provide complex medical support. Looking out five to ten years, Ms. Gunderson anticipates many DD clients in the community will be aging and won't be able to stay in their current settings. Also, many younger DD clients won't be able to stay with aging parent and will thus need alternative placement.

Human Services follows 36 Rock Haven residents. Rock Haven cares for residents with chronic mental illness who have dementia with aggressive behaviors, traumatic brain injury, medically complex and neurological concerns. The biggest unmet need for Human Services is their clients in Mendota, Winnebago or Trempealeau. Some of those clients, however, would never be appropriate for Rock Haven due to violent or inappropriate sexual behavior. Others, however, might be cared for at Rock Haven if the facility had smaller units with a higher level of staffing. Ms. Gunderson has received very positive comments from other case managers in the community as to Rock Haven's role and how it has been meeting the needs of their clients.

WACH Conference Update and Meeting with Legislators - Ms. Gunderson attended the conference last week. Chair Podzilni and Phil Boutwell joined her on Wednesday. There was talk of funding issues similar to those addressed last year and a multi-county collaboration. Ms. Gunderson expects to hear more about Family Care at the WAHSA Conference next week. Ms. Gunderson distributed a handout regarding the WACH Legislative Briefing and reviewed it with the Committee.

Last year Ms. Gunderson provided the Health Services Committee with information regarding Rock Haven's economic and employment impact on the community. Mr. Schoeneck from WAHSA was able to provide a document that

explains how that data was calculated by NorthStar Economics, Inc. That document was also distributed.

Rock Haven Plans for the County Board Presentation - Ms. Gunderson reviewed the draft of her presentation with the Committee, inviting them to comment and make suggestions about what other questions might need to be answered. She hopes to present the information to the County Board in April or May. Supervisor Fizzell said the first thing the County Board must do is agree on who Rock Haven should be serving. Chair Bussie agreed, adding that current problems with Family Care and reimbursement must be taken into consideration. Ms. Gunderson said Rock County's decision to defer its participation in Family Care for another year will allow some time to get a better picture of who Rock Haven will need to serve and how large it should be.

REPORTS

Census - Ms. Gunderson reported all beds are currently full.

Activity Report - Senior Management has been working on future planning for Rock Haven, as well as United Way fund raisers. Staff education for the month will include reviewing Rock County's Mission Statement with employees and hands-on fire drill training. Nursing QA met with a focus on survey follow up and standards of practice. Quarterly QA meetings are planned for this week. Resident Council meets tomorrow. It will be planning its areas of education for 2010 and then participate in Valentine Bingo. The focus for the WAHSA Public Policy Conference will be Family Care.

Finance - Mr. Sudmeier reports revenue looks to be on budget and expenditures have been coming in under budget for 2009. He doesn't anticipate Rock Haven having to use much, if any at all, of the \$520,000 fund balance for 2009.

NEXT MEETING DATE - The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 3 p.m. in the Rock Haven 4th Floor Classroom.

ADJOURNMENT - Supervisors Joiner and Fizzell moved to adjourn the meeting.
ADOPTED. The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Fena

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