

HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

September 6, 2011

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisors Bussie, Johnson, Fizzell, Fox, Beaver

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherry Gunderson, Rock Haven Administrator; David Sudmeier, Controller; David Hayes, Food Service Manager; Doug Keating, Facilities Superintendent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Russell Podzilni, County Board Chair; Jim Haseman, Volunteer Ombudsman.

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Chair Bussie called the meeting of the Rock County Health Services Committee to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Rock Haven Classroom. Supervisor Fox moved approval of the agenda. Ms. Gunderson requested Item 2.b. be removed from the agenda. The joint meeting was changed to September 2, and the minutes are not yet available. Supervisor Johnson seconded the motion to adopt the agenda as amended. ADOPTED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 2, 2011 - Supervisors Fizzell and Fox moved approval of the minutes of August 2, 2011. ADOPTED.

INTRODUCTION OF CITIZENS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Chair Bussie recognized County Board Chair Podzilni and thanked him and Mr. Haseman for attending. Supervisor Podzilni reminded committee members about the important vote coming up on Thursday regarding the Rock Haven Project.

Ms. Gunderson announced that Warren Rudolph, Resident Council President, passed away August 20. His wife, Beulah, still lives at Rock Haven and has requested the American Flag continue to be flown at the new facility with a spotlight on it. Ms. Gunderson assured her there would be a flag pole in both courtyards of the new facility.

BILLS - Supervisors Johnson and Fizzell moved to pay the bills totaling \$13,555.44. ADOPTED.

BUDGET TRANSFERS - None.

PRE-APPROVED ENCUMBRANCE/ENCUMBRANCES - None.

OLD BUSINESS

Rock Haven Replacement Facility Update - This was placed on the agenda in follow up to the joint meeting held September 2. Mr. Fizzell felt the joint meeting was well structured, well conducted and that the information presented was very

helpful. As the County Board votes next Thursday on whether to go forward with the construction phase of the project, Mr. Fizzell felt it should be emphasized that Rock County is financially responsible to provide nursing home services for a number of its chronically mentally ill (CMI) and developmentally disabled (DD) residents, whether they reside in a Rock County or out-of-county facility. Mr. Fizzell also pointed out that it is very important for family to be near their loved one who resides in the nursing home so they can continue to monitor the care that individual is receiving. It can be very difficult for families to visit a family member placed in an out-of-county nursing home.

Ms. Gunderson stated three very important reasons why the new nursing home is needed:

- (1) The link that exists between Rock Haven and the Human Services and Developmental Disabilities Departments. Their clientele are cared for at Rock Haven. Placing Rock County citizens with chronic mental illness and or developmental disabilities in other settings could cost Rock County \$3.4 million annually.
- (2) Rock Haven accepts Medicaid as a payer source. Throughout the State, nursing facilities are already limiting Medicaid admissions and she expects this concern will worsen, leading to a shortage of Medicaid beds.
- (3) Losing any licensed nursing home beds could result in a shortage for Rock County. Rock County has 200 less nursing home beds than similar-sized counties.

Ms. Gunderson emphasized that Rock Haven is a provider of Specialized Services for residents with chronic mental illness and developmental disabilities. These residents would need to be served out of county if Rock Haven closed.

Finally, Ms. Gunderson explained that families seeking nursing home placement are looking for private rooms with private baths and homelike environments. This has become the norm in nursing homes.

NEW BUSINESS

Recruitment for Facilities Superintendent - Doug Keating has been selected as the new Facilities Superintendent. Mr. Keating has a total of 31 years with the

County, the majority of which were served as maintenance worker and maintenance supervisor.

REPORTS

Census - The current census is 128. Ms. Gunderson did not admit during the hottest days of the month, however, with the recent cooler weather admissions are back to normal.

Activity Report - The Senior Management Team has finished work with Rock Haven's 2012 Budget. Ms. Gunderson and Mr. Sudmeier will meet with Craig Knutson and his team on September 19 to finalize. No problems are anticipated as Rock Haven is once again requesting a reduced tax levy.

Staff Education - Staff will have one last chance to meet their annual mandatory inservice requirements with makeup sessions being held this month. A CPR update will also be held for nurses.

Resident Council - The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13 at 10:15 a.m. Election of a new president will take place.

Conferences - Ms. Gunderson reviewed her conference schedule with the Committee. Aimee Thomas and Sally Gregoire will not be attending the September manager's training, but will be scheduled for a future session. Ms. Gunderson will not be attending the Wisconsin Counties Association Fall Conference this year.

Finance - Mr. Sudmeier said things continue to run smoothly in 2011. He anticipates the facility will not utilize any of its net assets this year.

NEXT MEETING DATE - The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, at 3:00 p.m. in the Rock Haven Classroom. Ms. Gunderson noted, hopefully, that construction on the new building will have already begun by then.

ADJOURNMENT - Supervisors Beaver and Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. ADOPTED. The meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Fena

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