

HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

September 7, 2010

PRESENT: Supervisors Bussie, Kuznacic, Fizzell, and Fox

ABSENT: Supervisor Johnson

ALSO PRESENT: Sherry Gunderson, NH Administrator; David Sudmeier, Controller; Ginger Katzman, Director of Nurses; Brent Sutherland, Maintenance Manager; David Hayes, Food Service Manager.

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Chair Bussie called the meeting of the Rock County Health Services Committee to order at 2:30 p.m. in the Rock Haven Apartment. Supervisors Fizzell and Kuznacic moved approval of the agenda. ADOPTED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 3, 2010 - Supervisors Fox and Kuznacic moved approval of the minutes of the August 3 meeting. ADOPTED.

INTRODUCTION OF CITIZENS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - In attendance: Jim Haseman, Volunteer Ombudsman.

BILLS - Supervisors Fizzell and Kuznacic moved to pay the bills totaling \$13,635.47. ADOPTED.

BUDGET TRANSFERS - None.

PREAPPROVED ENCUMBRANCE/ENCUMBRANCES - None.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution - County Nursing Homes and the 2011-2013 State Biennial Budget - Supervisor Fizzell and Chair Bussie moved to approve the resolution initiated by the Wisconsin Association of County Homes which recommends that \$39.1 million of the supplemental funding that the State receives from the Federal government as a result of reporting the Medicaid losses incurred by government nursing homes be returned to the government homes annually. In addition, the resolution requests that all funds received as a result of nursing home bed taxes and federal matching funds be used for nursing home rate increases. Finally, the

resolution requests that state-only licensed facilities be exempt from the provider bed assessment. ADOPTED.

Janesville Gazette Article and Editorial - Ms. Gunderson mentioned the article about Rock Haven published August 22 in the Janesville Gazette. She also mentioned the editorial published August 29.

Recommendation - Number of Licensed Beds for New Facility - Ms. Gunderson distributed a handout showing the current budget for 130 beds compared to costs of a 128-bed new facility and a 112-bed new facility. The loss of revenue incurred by a down size to 112 beds cannot be balanced by staffing and expense cuts. After reviewing this information, she recommended a 128-bed nursing home. Chair Bussie said Supervisor Mawhinney will not be at today's joint meeting but wanted to go on record as supporting a 128-bed facility. As all committee members present agreed that 128 beds would be the most appropriate, Supervisors Fizzell and Kuznacic moved to recommend a 128-bed facility. ADOPTED.

Recommendation - Location of New Facility - Ms. Gunderson explained that the east-southeast location (adjacent to the current building) would be the most appropriate since it is a larger piece of land with existing utilities and would provide adequate space for an access road, parking, storm runoff pond and a geo-thermal footprint. The two other locations studied were not appropriate for a variety of reasons, including size, traffic congestion, and general accessibility. Supervisors Fizzell and Kuznacic moved to recommend the east-southeast site location. ADOPTED.

REPORTS

Census - The current census is 124. The recent hot weather and lack of air conditioning has had a direct impact on the census, but referrals continue to come in daily and admission plans are always in process.

Finance - Mr. Sudmeier and Ms. Gunderson met with Mr. Knutson to discuss Rock Haven's 2011 budget request that is less than last year's request. For 2010, Mr. Knutson applied \$250,000 from the fund balance to help reduce Rock Haven's request. Year end estimates anticipate the use of \$175,000 from the fund balance for 2010.

NEXT MEETING DATE - The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. in the Rock Haven Classroom.

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ADJOURNMENT - Supervisors Kuznacic and Fizzell moved to adjourn the meeting.
ADOPTED. The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m. to the Rock Haven Classroom for the
Joint Health Services and General Services Committee meeting at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Fena

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