

**NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM BOARD
NURSING HOME OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

July 28, 2020

3:00 PM

Conference Call

Present: X Jeff Zriny X Paul Gilk X Bob Weaver
 X Cindy Rider X Pat Voermans X Romey Wagner
 X Kurt Gibbs

Staff: Michael Loy, Jarret Nickel, Kim Gochanour, Jill Meschke, Connie Gliniecki,
 Zach Ziesemer, Ryan Hanson, Kristin Woller

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

Public Comment for Matters Appearing on the Agenda

- None

ACTION: Approval of June 23, 2020 Nursing Home Operations Committee Minutes

- **Motion**/second, Gilk/Rider, to approve the June 23, 2020 Nursing Home Operations Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report – J. Meschke

- Mount View Care Center showed a loss for the month of June compared to target; YTD is showing a gain of \$636,000 compared to a close break even position. We did not receive Cares Act funding during the month of June. Without receiving Cares Act funding in the previous two months we would be at a \$371,000 loss. Census average was 160 compared to target of 183 and Medicare census average was 12 compared to a target of 20. Overall expenses are currently favorable to plan. Salaries are favorable to budget.
- Pine Crest Nursing Home summary for June showed a gain for the month of \$19,000 compared to a break even position. It is also showing a favorable YTD position of \$280,000. During June Pine Crest received a stimulus payment of \$125,000. Census averaged at 120 compared to budge of 155. Second quarter average census was 126 with the Medicare census average at 10. Losses were strictly related to volume census. Salary expenses were favorable in June as well as indirect expenses.
- The 2021 budget process was discussed as it relates to the declining census in both nursing homes and the importance of moving forward with adjusted targets. Consideration must also be given to the Covid pandemic which has negatively impacted the decisions for placing individuals in nursing homes. Lincoln County will be making decisions on significant capital improvements and refinancing debt of Pine Crest so they will be looking to have accurate projections to assist in their decision-making.

Nursing Home Operations Reports

- Mount View Care Center – K. Woller
 - The monthly report was reviewed. Additional comments included:
 - Committee was very impressed by all of the activities being provided residents especially during times when visitation and family contact are limited.
 - Adding long term care beds would not be advantageous as it is driven by the market and the current shift is for specialty care such as dementia, vent, etc.
 - Covid Update – C. Gliniecki
 - 7 residents and 2 employees tested Covid positive on one of the nursing home units, South Shore. South Shore has been placed on enhanced precautions which relates to implementing maximum protection for residents and staff.
 - A meeting was held with local and state public health offices as well as the Dept. of Health Services. We provided them with a detailed timeline of events that resulted in limited questions and we've implement all recommended CDC guidelines.
 - All employees (60) and residents (25) of South Shore have been tested for Covid and testing will continue regularly until no additional positive results are found.
 - Continual auditing of our personal protective equipment (PPE) keeps our employees with the supplies they need.
 - Staff, medical personnel, and families have been wonderfully supportive.
 - M. Loy and the staff commended Connie for her outstanding leadership; she has and continues to do a tremendous job.
 - M. Loy also provided an update that the plan we have in place to open a Covid positive unit was designed to take on overflow from the hospital only should the hospital reach surge capacity. We are currently managing all of the residents safely on South Shore.
 - Designated staff are assigned to the unit to provide all of the care and activities for the residents.
 - K. Gibbs asked for clarification on the budget, long term sustainability and strategy of the nursing home noting the declining census and as it relates to the facility renovation plans and ability to service the debt.
 - The renovation plans were designed with an average census of 176. The new nursing tower will have 96 beds and the second floor of Mount View has plans for 80 beds. Mount View Care Center renovations begin late in 2021 which allows time to modify the scope of the renovation and the potential to reduce bed capacity.
 - We continue to work with Aspirus in an effort to make sure we are offering higher acuity post-acute care options. We also see the steady increase in the need for dementia care.
 - We anticipate substantial regulatory changes will occur from the Covid pandemic in the necessity for private rooms, air handling systems, infection prevention guidelines, etc.

- Pine Crest Nursing Home – Z. Ziesemer
 - The monthly report was reviewed. Additional comments included:
 - Two staff tested positive for Covid. One employee did not work during time of transmissibility. The second employee was working during time of potential transmissibility on the Rehab Unit. Another housekeeper is currently on leave due to potential exposure. Testing of residents is nearing completion with results expected in a few days.

Admission Policy for Mount View Care Center and Pine Crest Nursing Home – K. Gochanour

- Policy was review. No questions or discussion
- **Motion**/second, Voermans/Weaver, to approve the Admission Policy as presented. Motion carried.

Nursing Home Industry Updates – K. Gochanour

- LeadingAge has been following potential changes in the next State Biennial Budget:
 - Looks bleak for additional funding but the Association is looking for creative ways to increase funding options i.e. bed tax from \$170/month to \$250/month, 1-2% direct care increase, investigate Minnesota’s Medicaid reimbursement program, and federal match dollars.
 - Looking at a dementia care tier system certification which is based on what level of care is performed.
 - During Covid pandemic most waivers are being continued. However, the Payroll Based Journal (PBJ) waiver is not.
 - High risk areas will be able to do on-site testing; we anticipate the ability to test within the next 6 months.
 - Additional Cares Act funding is expected.
 - Also anticipate receiving a payment from the supplemental payment program for Pine Crest and Mount View.

Future Agenda Items

- None

Adjourn

- **Motion**/second, Gibbs/Rider, to adjourn the Nursing Home Operations Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried.