

**Utah State Veterans Nursing Home
Advisory Board Meeting Agenda
February 16th 2022**

1. Welcome Chairman
Dave, Jeff, Noralynn, Marilyn, Dan

2. Approval of November 2021 Minutes

Wait until next meeting no quorum

3. State Officer's Report State Officer
 Highlights of past quarter:
 New roof in the works
 New van

4. Avalon Report Noralyn Snow
 - a. COVID 19 report
We got Omnicorm- 3 residents, 27 staff. Amazing that it was really in the building, staff caught before entering the BLDG. In the middle of outbreak, but CNA just tested positive. Cn admit again on Tuesday. At 71. Not as bad this time. Noralyn finally caught it this time- everyone was omnicrom except 3 had delta. 3 outbreaks since COVID started
 - b. Clinical/Operations Report
Doing well but staffing is a problem. Short in nursing but full in other areas. Have to do a lot of reporting and restrictions change almost daily. If staff has booster then testing is not required. Effective 14 Feb all staff had to upload vax information to meet requirements. Any building having people working without Vax will get a harm tag. Effects all SNF in state. There are some medical or religious exemptions, pretty specific and detailed. Have about 10 exemptions in the building. Also working on infection control, just replaced that role. New Don that is doing a great job.
5 star. Reduced falls from 61 to 30, very involved medical director.
 - c. Special Resident Activities
Haven't been able to do much , no community dining, or large activities.
Chocolate strawberries for residents on Valentines day. Rec has been using TV
 - d. Customer Service - Pinnacle
92.3, most everything is addressed personally by Noralyn. Also have a program called retain, infoms Administrator of new hires, anniversaries ect and she sends emails. It's working really well and staff appreciate it. Have 77% retention rate. Started a soda cart with soda and flavoring going around the shifts and it's been going well. Replaced the social worker,
 - e. Financial Report
Bldg made money last month, made budget and was able to stay on the positive side

e. State and Federal Surveys

In Dec 2 years past from state survey and still haven't come here. VA sent an email that in house surveys will start this year. April is our month for VA.

Wasn't going to do a new kangaroo

Jeff- congrats on finances, only facility in the black. Additional COVID money, state not using holdback was good. Staffing is the problem going forward. We have the draw of people who want to support veterans and like nursing. But we need to be aggressive in recruitment. Have some CNAs that are now RN's and stayed because they like the building. Have some NAs, not CNAs but it's a short term.

Dan- congrats on the staffing we have, nursing is short everywhere even at the VAMC. Any way to assist the NA so they can pass the test to become certified.

5. Next Meeting – May 18th, 2022

6. Executive Committee Meeting

Chairman

a. New Business

Computers, potential purchasing.

Jeff- still on path to replace the home with a new building Things are moving quickly, state has committed funds and that puts us on a higher priority for federal grant. Due by April. Makes us eligible for Fy 23 funding, if not FY 24 funds. At some point will have a new facility fully private rooms. Exciting to see how things are developing. Dave- getting the state funding is really amazing. For federal a lot of approved project are on hold because they don't have state funds. We should find out end of this FY (sept 22) if the funding will happen Oct 1 2022 (fy 23). Good timing because COVID money cleared out the backlog.

Land? Jeff is focused on one piece of land that's near west valley and Taylorsville, close to 1-215 with a good community. Things are working well to secure that land. Keep our fingers crossed.

Dan- will this facility have a memory care? Yes. Likely keep the same capacity for memory care. The current residents will transferring to the new facility. Looking at 105 bed facility with the possibility to add an extra 15 bed wing.

Jack is no longer the director of the VARO. Dan will pass the info to Kim albers

b. Restricted Fund Review

State Officer

8. Adjourn

Chairman