

Mervyn Sharp Bennion
Central Utah Veterans Home
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2020
4 PM

Attendance: Members: Chairman Art Richardson, John Williams, Secretary Randy Edwards, Monica Arnold, Cindy Jones, Bill Wright, Nick Flake, Lee Orton and Brent Williams.

Guests and Staff: Todd Hansen, Acting Director, Kalisha Wilson, Weston Parsons and Gary Harter, Director UTVMA

Excused: Cindy Jensen

Special Guest Presentation:

Meeting Convened: 4 PM

1. **Welcome:** Art Richardson, Advisory Board Chairman gave the welcome.
 - a. September 21- Walk from Elementary School
 - b. September 16 -Golf Tournament

2. **Approval of the January, 2020 minutes:** Art asked for the approval of the January 22 minutes the **minutes were motioned to be approved** by Nick Flake and seconded by Lee Orton. **The Motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.**

3. **State Officers Report**
 - a. Todd Hansen introduced himself and thanked everyone for serving veterans.
 - b. Todd reported that the xeriscaping project around the storage building is starting to come together and will be completed in the next month.
 - c. Todd reported that the project to revamp the mechanical room plumbing and the project to bury the power cable to the storage building has been delayed due to the pandemic.
 - d. Todd reported that we are waiting to see if the state approves the requested capital improvement project to replace all of our HVAC units to the newer generation 5 units. If approved, this should mitigate some of the problems we have been having over the past couple of years.
 - e. Todd provided information on the in-house channel that allows the management staff and recreation staff to communicate and entertain the residents in their rooms.

4. **Administrators Report:**
 - a. **Operations Update:** Mr. Weston Parsons reported that there had been some clinical changes with the hiring of new nurses.

 - b. **Pinnacle Satisfaction Summary:** Using past pinnacle reports as have always been used Mr. Weston passed out the Customers Satisfaction Benchmarks. Over all the Mervyn Sharp Bennion Central Utah Veterans Home in Payson is "Best in Class." Two areas that are of interest and improvement (Follow up) will be Professional Therapy and Laundry Service.

Still with these on national average we are Best in Class. Mr. Weston commented on Covid 19.

a. Plan on testing

b. Yes on routinely.

c. Activity in rooms from cultural hall

d. Video Poker.

c. Mr. Weston is attaching his administration Report for completeness of his report.

5. **UDVMA Report:**

Mr. Jeff Hanson

- a. Jeff Hanson welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for participating on the advisory board and supporting the Bennion Veterans Home.
- b. Jeff announced that Jeff Burton was called by the Governor to assist the state with the pandemic and lead the Department of Health for a few months and that former state officer, Todd Hansen, kindly agreed to help the department out and cover for Jeff Burton.
- c. Jeff reported on the COVID-19 situation at the state veteran homes. Jeff reported that an outbreak involving 51 residents and 30 employees had occurred at the Salt Lake facility. The most likely scenario is that an asymptomatic employee unintentionally spread the virus. The facility converted the upper floor to a COVID ward. Employees and residents are being tested routinely to mitigate further spread. The facility is getting great support from the state and from the VA
- d. Jeff reported the intent to do routine testing in all the facilities to prevent asymptomatic spread. The facilities will continue to screen employees and closely monitor residents. CDC and CMS guidelines will be followed.

Mr. Gary Harter, Director of Veterans and Military Affairs: attended by Zoom

a. Complimented Avalon, Veterans Administration and the National Guard for Services they have and are providing during the COVID Pandemic.

b. Memorial Day event will be virtual event.

c. Complimented Jeff for preparing the facility for this pandemic. Coordinating and working together with VA and working together in leadership.

Discussion and questions from Art Richardson about medicine and rehab.. All discussion was positive and informative. With yes answers.

6. **Old Business:**

7. **New Business:**

a. Monica asked if there was anything that the board can assist with.

8. **Next Advisory Board Meeting:** August 2020 at 4 PM Bennion Nursing Home.

9. **Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn was requested from Mike Flake and seconded by John Eakins.
Motion to adjourn was unanimous.

Randy D. Edwards CSM (R)
Secretary to the Board
Mervyn Sharp Bennion, Central Utah Veterans Home

Cc: Mr. Jefferson Burton

Mr. Art Richardson