



GEORGE E. WAHLEN OGDEN VETERANS HOME Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2022 3:00 PM

Attendance – In person and virtual

Curt Oda, Beth Topa, John Knox, Tressa Quayle, James Harvey, Jory Wahlen, Lacy Bizios, Steven Steed, Andrea Ashton, Jacqueline Peterson, Gary Harter

Absent: Paula Stephenson

Welcome

Chairman Curt welcomed everyone to the meeting. Gary gave an opening prayer, and Andrea led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of December 16, 2021 minutes

A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Jory to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Resident Council Update

Resident Council President John Knox reported on all activities throughout the months of January, February and March. Calendars were distributed to board members. All residents have been enjoying live bands in the building and the opportunity to attend in person. They love having their loved ones back to visit. John reported that the resident council did approve the purchase of t-shirts for “Red Shirt Friday”. He showed the board the design of the t-shirt. They board stated they would be interested in purchasing a t-shirt. Jacquee will have different sizes of t-shirts at next scheduled board meeting to purchase.

Administrator’s Report (Avalon)

Andrea gave an update on the status of COVID in the facility. Currently Weber County positivity rate is currently in moderate which allows us to have visitors. Staff that have not received boosters need to be COVID tested once a week. If you have received your booster you no longer need to be tested. No residents have passed away due to COVID. We also left the residents in place if they were tested positive for COVID. All the COVID facilities had no vacancies to take our residents. We are now allowed to have activities for the residents in the multipurpose room and no longer does the residents need to stay on their own community. We continue to recruit employees where there are shortages throughout the facility. Our staff attend CNA schools to recruit employees to work at the GEWOVH. VA Survey will be here next week. It will be a virtual survey scanning documents and taking iPad around to interview residents/employees. It is an annual survey that happens every year.

State Officer's Report

Jacquee reported the sewer damage on our C Community that effected four rooms. We needed to move those residents to demo and repair the affected areas that was damaged by sewer water. Sewer damage report was given to board members. DFCM has hired the contractor for the Kitchen remodel A, B, C and D Community. The total cost of the project was \$921,000.00. The contractor will allow us to use part of the dining room to serve residents. This project estimated completion date with be up to four months. We replaced the cameras our video management system throughout the building and the cost of this project was \$61,000.00.

Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs Executive Director/Deputy Director's Report

Gary reported that all four veterans' homes no longer have COVID in their facilities. We are excited to see change after two years of COVID. Reported on legislative update; State of Utah has funded \$25 million for the new veterans home in Salt Lake City area. We will now put in the grants from the VA Construction Grant Program to receive one third of the additional costs to construct the new veteran's home. We should know where we sit on the priority list sometime this year. The land has been identified and we are working on procuring this property. We also received \$75,000 grant to go towards the new state cemetery in northern Utah. State parks passed and anyone who is 0% or greater will receive a State Parks Pass. The United States Reserve will eventually leave Ft Douglas and the property will go back to the University of Utah. Possibility of relocating them near Camp Williams. VA National Cemetery is out at Camp Williams inspecting our state cemetery. Gary thanked the board for everything they do for veterans and the GEWOVH.

Old Business

Veterans Day Program was a great success and Congressman Blake Moore was the guest speaker.

New Business

Red Shirt Friday T-Shirts for board members to purchase at next scheduled meeting

Upcoming Board Meetings

June 16, 2022 at 3:00pm

September 16, 2022 at 3:00pm

December 15, 2022 at 3:00pm

Adjourn Chairman Curt Oda adjourned the meeting at 4:01 PM.