

George E. Wahlen
Ogden Veterans Home
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2020 3:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

Attendance

Curt Oda, Robert (Tex) Crawford, Tressa Quayle, James Kopecky, Jory Wahlen, Paula Stephenson, Jacqueline Peterson, Carl Hugie

Welcome

Chairman Curt Oda welcomed everyone to the meeting

Approval of February minutes

Minutes were approved.

Resident Council Update

Reported on the on the Veterans who have passed in the facility since the last meeting. Tex talked about being a resident in the home during the COVID pandemic and stated that nothing really hasn't changed except for visiting with families. He also stated that every resident needs to stay in their community. He talked about the activities: virtual visits, candlelight dinner, patio concerts, parades, bingo & blackjack, planting flowers and vegetables in each community & the resident council purchase of the 85" televisions/blue-ray/entertainment consoles. He encouraged board members to setup virtual visits with the residents through Julie Hayes, recreation director, 801-334-4314.

State Officer's Report

Jacquee updated the board on the status of the other veterans home. She reported the current situation at the William E. Christoffersen Salt Lake Veterans Home, 46 residents & 17 staff were tested positive for COVID. Our department is working diligently to protect our residents in all four veteran homes. Projects reported: WIFI upgrade installation-\$85,476.00, Sun Shade Structure-\$17,664.08, Commercial Washers (2)-\$46,610.00. Our two fleet vehicles are pending delivery due to COVID. UDVMA & DFCM has hired a landscape architect to refresh our landscaping.

Administrator's report

Carl reported that we currently are not allowing any family members or visitors in the facility. All employees and medical necessary individuals are screened at the front door: questionnaire and temperature check. We have tested some residents for COVID if they display symptoms. All test so far have come back negative. In collaboration with the Utah Department of Health and the Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs the Utah National Guard will be administrating the COVID test to establish a baseline. We should receive the test results back within 48 hours of testing. All recreational activities are done in each community. We are allowing families to visit their loved one at the windows (closed) and patio visits. They must be six feet apart and both the

resident/family member must wear a mask. We are limiting these visits to twice a week for 20 minutes. Our staff in each of the communities are monitoring these visits. Financially we are fortunate to have received two stimulus payments from Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for \$275,000.00 & Health & Human Services (HHS) for \$350,000.00. UDVMA is currently allowing us to keep the monthly holdback. We are still admitting residents but most individual on the waiting list would rather wait to admit due to not being able to visit with their loved one. Our facility currently has enough PPE equipment but the only thing short is N95 surgical masks and disposable surgical gowns.

Old Business

None Noted

New Business

George E Wahlen Tribute Run- Jory reported that we did meet virtually and the plan is to continue to move forward. Anticipated date will be October 10th with a start time of 0800hrs. He asked for volunteers from all board members: event coordination at the veteran's home, sponsorship and race coordination ect. Jory will send out an invite to the next zoom meeting.

Curt discussed the frequency of all upcoming advisory board meetings. All board members agreed to meet quarterly going forward starting on June 18th.

Next Meeting

June 18 2020 at 3:00pm

Adjourn

Chairman Curt Oda adjourned the meeting