

**GEORGE E. WAHLEN
OGDEN VETERANS HOME
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2020 3:00 PM
Virtual & Call-In Meeting**

Attendance

Curt Oda, Robert (Tex) Crawford, Tressa Quayle, Jory Wahlen, Paula Stephenson, Gary Harter, Carl Hugie, James Harvey, Jeff Hanson

Welcome

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

Approval of June 18, 2020 minutes

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

Resident Council Update

Tex reported on a Stampede that takes place in each pod that everyone seems to enjoy. Another positive is the Recreation Weekly Newsletter that goes to all residents. This was distributed to Advisory Board members. The Council President is unable to visit the other three pods due to COVID-19 protocols, and he is looking forward to when visits will be allowed again. With the new food warmers, the food is better “by leaps and bounds”. Visits by families and friends are on the patios with at least six feet distances.

Administrator’s Report

Carl reported there are new COVID-19 guidelines put out by CMS. Based on 10.5 percent positivity rate in Weber county, they are testing two times per week. Residents are in lockdown and all meals are in the residents’ rooms. Outside visitations continue but are now supervised. Depression among the residents appears to be increasing. Carl just spent \$134,000 for COVID test kits for one month. The Nursing Home’s census is at 107 today, with no residents testing positive to date. He talked about trying to increase the census.

State Officer’s Report

Deputy Director Jeff gave the State Officer’s report because Jacqueline Peterson was excused from this meeting. 20”x30” storage facilities for the patios were approved for pods A/B/C (plan drawing was provided to board members). A project manager has been assigned for this project.

The new landscaping project, mostly for the front and future projects, will include a memorial garden, benches, shelters, and shade trees. The Ivins Home contractor was asked for potential designs. Preparations are being made to send this project out for bid. Time frame to start this project may be Spring 2021.

There are three openings for Advisory Board Members, with the terms expiring for Jim Kopecky, Jay Wells, and Frank Maughan. Veterans Nursing Home Advisory Boards guidelines (Utah H.B. 55) was distributed to all board members. Gary Harter asked board members to submit recommendations to Jacquee as soon as possible for review.

UDVMA Executive Director's Report

Gary reported on the current status of all four state Veterans Homes and how they are keeping COVID out of their facilities. As of today, there has been a spike in COVID positive numbers in Salt Lake County with 911 new cases. All four nursing homes are doing well and testing twice per week. He thanked Carl and Jacquee for a job well done protecting our residents and employees. Avalon was commended on their infection control processes.

He and Curt discussed the procedure of selecting new Nursing Home Advisory Board Members, and asked for recommendations from board members as soon as possible. Candidates will be reviewed next month.

Old Business

George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home Tribute Run 2020 will be held virtually this year due to COVID

New Business

Tressa discussed a new outpatient program through Avalon that MG (Ret.) Peter Cooke, Board member with Avalon was working on. She showed slides that described what the program was, only pertains to veterans, and may be able to assist veterans on the wait list for a room at the Veterans Nursing Homes. She will provide the flyer/slides to board members.

Next Meeting

December 17, 2020 at 3:00pm

Adjourn

Chairman Curt Oda adjourned the meeting at 3:55 PM.

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