



**GEORGE E. WAHLEN OGDEN VETERANS HOME  
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 16, 2022 3:00 PM**

**Attendance – In person and virtual**

Curt Oda, Beth Topa, John Knox, Tressa Quayle, Jory Wahlen, Lacy Bizios, Steven Steed, Andrea Ashton, Jacqueline Peterson, Jeff Hanson

**Absent:** Paula Stephenson, Jim Harvey, Gary Harter

**Welcome**

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

**Approval of March 17, 2022 minutes**

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

**Resident Council Update**

Resident Council President John Knox reported on all activities throughout the months of April, May and June. Calendars were distributed to board members. All residents have been enjoying live bands, fishing trips, Wendover and bingo. John asked about the GEWOVH fun run that was done annually by the First United Presbyterian Church. Jory will communicate with them and report back next meeting.

**Administrator's Report (Avalon)**

Andrea gave an update on the status of COVID in the facility. Currently Weber County positivity rate is currently high at 24.3%. Staff that have not received the booster needs to be COVID tested once a week. If you have received your booster you are tested once a week. We also left the residents in place if they were tested positive for COVID. This does not affect visitation. It is still ongoing and residents are allowed to have visitors. Andrea reported on the following surveys; Complaint Survey but was not substantiated, Infection Control Survey had no findings and VA federal survey we had three administrative tags but no clinical tags.

**State Officer's Report**

Jacquee reported the sewer damage on our C Community has been completed and the cost was \$71,000.00. After the meeting I will take the board around the facility to see all the changes that has happened over the past year.

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

Jeff reported that all four veterans' homes currently have two residents who are positive and eight employees. Our occupancy continues to increase in all four veterans home and we are currently at 95%. We look forward to the day when COVID will no longer be in our facilities. He thanked Andrea for keeping residents who are COVID positive to remain in the facility. We continue to make progress on replacing the Salt Lake veterans' home and in the process of predesign of the facility. Completed a renovation project at the veterans' cemetery chapel. Northern Utah cemetery continues to progress and we have acquired the 100 acres but there is still legislative language that needs to be completed and matching funds before public can be aware of the cemetery. UDVMA has a new website; veterans.utah.gov. The website is more efficient and the design looks amazing. Jeff thanked the board and staff for their ongoing support of the veteran's home.

### **Old Business**

Red Shirt Friday T-Shirts were distributed to board members who was interested in the shirts.

### **New Business**

Current staffing at the facility in nursing and Andrea reported we are currently staffed with RN/LPN. She also stated we are very fortunate that we can keep nurses at the facility. We also have hired a few more CNA's. We currently have little agency in our building.

### **Upcoming Board Meetings**

September 16, 2022 at 3:00pm

December 15, 2022 at 3:00pm

March 16, 2023 at 3:00pm

June 15, 2023 at 3:00pm

**Adjourn** Chairman Curt Oda adjourned the meeting at 3:58 PM.