



GEORGE E. WAHLEN OGDEN VETERANS HOME Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2023, 3:00 PM

Attendance – In person and virtual

Beth Topa, John Knox, Jory Wahlen, Steven Steed, Paula Stephenson, Marcia Hansen, Jacqueline Poulson, Jeff Hanson

Absent: Curt Oda, Lacy Bizios, Jim Harvey, Tressa Quayle

Welcome

Vice Chair Paula Stephenson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jory gave an opening prayer, and she led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of December 2022, minutes

The approval of these Minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

Resident Council Update

Resident Council President John Knox reported on all activities throughout the months of January, February, and March. Some of the activities during the past three months; Hockey excursion mustangs VS pueblo bills, breakfast at ramblin roads, trip to Wendover, valentines day celebration music, "love you to pizzas" lunch, lucky t-shirts craft, military school band and choir. John stated the residents are really enjoying all the activities at the facility and wants to thank recreation for all they do.

Administrator's Report (Avalon)

Marcia Hansen, Business Office Manager reported for Andrea Ashton. She stated that we are currently waiting on our VA survey which happens the month of March. The inspectors look at the care of residents and the processes used to give care, how the staff and residents interact and the nursing home environment. Marcia reported on our COVID outbreak in the facility which has affected 34 residents and 16 employees. The D community is currently in an outbreak status. We are testing employees twice a week to try to keep it out. She also reported that the facility is fully staffed, and we no longer use agency staffing. Current census is 115 out of 120 beds.

State Officer's Report

The kitchen remodel is complete and please see the attached pictures. Jacquee reported on the following topics:

- **Eligibility for Admissions;** Served at any time, in any branch of the United States Armed Forces. Received an honorable discharge; Served at least 180 days of active duty other than for training. Be the spouse of a resident or widow

of an eligible veteran. Or be a Gold Star Parent who lost a child while serving in the armed forces.

- **Nursing Home Payer Sources:** High Per Diem - 70%-100% Service Connected or Adjudicated for their service-connected disability. 476.50 Prevailing Rate will be increased to \$486.98 per day on April 1, 2023. Basic Per Diem- 60% or less for nonservice connected \$127.17. Basic Rate will be increased to \$129.97 on April 1, 2023 \$75.08 Resident Room Rate Total - \$202.25 per day. Medicare have a three day stay at the hospital and admit to our facility to rehab \$202.00 per day. Medicaid – 20 beds available and currently have 12 beds occupied. Private Insurance – Long Term Care Insurance.

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

Jeff thanked the board for their service and willingness to serve. A big shout out to Avalon for being the only facility out of the four who is fully staffed. The new Salt Lake Veterans home is still on track and waiting to receive our federal funding to start the building process. He encouraged that we keep educating the board about the nursing home protocol. Jeff thanked Jacquee for her detailed report and encouraged that we keep educating the board about the nursing home procedures.

Old Business

None Noted

New Business

Educate the board on the following topics; Center for Medicare/Medicaid CMS five star rating process, Pinnacle Report, State Veterans Home Analytic Reporting Annual Easter Egg Hunt-Saturday, April 1st at 11:00am., Memorial Day Program, Thursday, May 25th at 11:00 guest speaker Jennie Taylor.

Upcoming Board Meetings

June 15, 2023, at 3:00pm

September 21, 2023, at 3:00pm

December 21, 2023, at 3:00pm

Adjourn Chairman Paula Stephenson adjourned the meeting at 4:07 PM.