



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

June 15, 2023, 3:00 PM

### **Attendance – In person and virtual**

Curt Oda, John Knox, Tressa Quayle, Steven Steed, Jacqueline Poulson, Andrea Ashton, Adam Wright

**Absent:** Jim Harvey, Paula Stephenson, Jory Wahlen, Lacy Bizios, Beth Topa

### **Welcome**

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

### **Approval of the December 2022 & March 16, 2023, minutes**

The approval of these Minutes was tabled until the next meeting. Not a quorum.

### **Resident Council Update**

Resident Council President John Knox reported on all activities throughout the months of April, May & June. Some of the activities during the past three months; Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Program, Monthly Birthday Bash, Scenic Drives, Food Excursions, Nursing Home Week. John stated the residents are really enjoying all the activities at the facility and wants to thank recreation for all they do. His only complaint was the quality of food. Andrea noted his concerns.

### **Administrator's Report (Avalon)**

Andrea stated that we are no longer in masks! We are fully staffed except for a few positions in laundry and dietary. Adam Wright, MDS (Minimum Data Set), Avalon Corporate Oversight reported on the process of Center for Medicare & Medicaid Five Star rating process. CMS created the Five-Star Quality Rating System to help consumers, their families, and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily and to help identify areas about which you may want to ask questions. The Nursing Home web site features a quality rating system that gives each nursing home a rating of between 1 and 5 stars. Nursing homes with 5 stars are considered to have much above average quality and nursing homes with 1 star are considered to have quality much below average. There is one Overall 5-star rating for each nursing home, and separate ratings for health inspections, staffing and quality measures. CMS measure these areas; Access to care and customer service, improvement measures and health outcome. Each nursing home is rated on a scale of one to five stars based on three components: health inspections results, quality measure and staffing measures. The George E Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home currently holds a five-star rating!

## **State Officer's Report**

Jacquee stated we have four projects we are working on at the GEWOVH: Carl Francis from DFCM is the project manager on all four: Main Kitchen Makeup Air and Exhaust Fans Replacement – Department Funded \$200,000.00 & They are currently working on the design/engineering phase. Exterior Lighting – Capital Improvements Funded \$82,409.00 and still in the design. The consultant received his notice to proceed on May 8, 2023. Ductless Split Replacement – Capital Improvements Funded \$64,487.00. Currently in the design phase. Retention Pond – DFCM will cover the cost of this project and they have reached out to great basin engineering to see where the water should be going.

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

Not in attendance. Excused to attend Arnold Warner, Utah Cemetery Manager, retirement ceremony.

## **Old Business**

Memorial Day Program: keynote speaker was Jennie Taylor. She was an amazing speaker, and the residents loved her speech. They also had a bald eagle in attendance. Thanked American Legion 27 for posting the colors.

## **New Business**

Curt entertained nominations to be a board member in the next couple of years. Tressa had a nomination and would communicate with potential board member.

## **Upcoming Board Meetings**

September 21, 2023, at 3:00pm  
December 21, 2023, at 3:00pm  
March 21, 2024, at 3:00pm  
June 20, 2024, at 3:00pm

**Adjourn Chairman** Curt Oda adjourned the meeting at 4:04 PM.