



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

September 28, 3:00 PM

Attendance – In person and virtual

Curt Oda, John Knox, Steven Steed, Tressa Quayle, Paula Stephenson, Jory Wahlen, Lacy Bizios, Jacqueline Poulson, Jeff Hanson, Sarah Atkinson

Absent: Jim Harvey, Beth Topa

Welcome

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

Approval of the December 15, 2022, March 16, 2023, June 15, 2023, minutes

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

Resident Council Update

Resident Council President John Knox reported on all activities throughout the months of July, August & September. Some of the activities during the past three months; 4th of July celebration with fireworks, Wendover Trip, Excursion to the Weber County Fair, Monthly Birthday Bash, Scenic Drives, Food Excursions and the Hot Rod & Chopper Car Show. He talked about the Hometown Heroes presentation at the Weber State Fair. He was selected to be honored and he was truly humbled by this experience. John stated the residents are really enjoying all the activities at the facility and wants to thank recreation for all they do. He reported on a \$5,000.00 donation from a previous resident who passed that in her will she wanted the facility to have

Administrator's Report (Avalon)

Andrea was excused and the new Director of Nursing Sarah Atkinson gave the report about Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI). Sarah QAPI takes a systematic, comprehensive, and data-driven approach to maintaining and improving safety and quality in nursing homes while involving all nursing home caregivers in practical and creative problem solving. She reported that all the department directors and medical physician are required to attend this monthly meeting. She briefed on the following areas: overall staff turnover by each department such as CNA, Nursing, Dietary, Environmental Services, Transportation. Infection Tracking, Medication Errors, Falls. How they follow grievances/concerns throughout the building.

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

Jeff reported on the new rate increase on all four Veterans homes starting on November 1st. Pracademic the facilities were healthy on their financials but due to rising cost/inflation the homes have struggled to maintain the rising costs of the nursing home. He discussed the share of costs to our residents and Avalon will increase this cost by \$15.00 a day. The administrator has communicated this with the residents who have been affected. She has identified a couple of residents, and the Veterans Service Officer (VSO) will screen for eligibility VA Pension Aid & Attendance. Avalon will screen residents to see if they qualify for Medicaid. This facility has twenty Medicaid beds and currently only utilizes eleven. The George E Wahlen Ogden Veterans home is starting to see a turn around with their financials due to increase in census. Next year at this time we should be financially healthy.

Old Business

Tressa nominated Marlene Summers to be a potential board member. Marlene sent her resume and it was attached to the meeting notes. Jory made a motion for Marlene to be an advisory board member and Paula seconded the motion. A vote was taken and she was accepted unanimously. Jacquee will process the paperwork for Marlene to be appointed and invite her to the next meeting.

New Business

George E Wahlen Veteran Tribute Run, November 4th at 8:00am. The flyer was sent out to all board members.

Upcoming Board Meetings

December 19, 2023, at 3:00pm

March 21, 2024, at 3:00pm

June 20, 2024, at 3:00pm

September 19, 2024 at 3:00pm

Adjourn Chairman Curt Oda adjourned the meeting at 4:10 PM.