



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

September 19, at 3:00 PM

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

Curt Oda, Paula Stephenson, Jon Knox, Steven Steed, Tressa Quayle, Marlene Summers, Andrea Aston, Jacqueline Poulson

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

### **Welcome**

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

### **Approval of the June 20, 2024, minutes**

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

### **Resident Council Update**

Resident Council President Jon Knox reported on all activities throughout the months of July, August & September. He stated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration had carnival games, dunk tank and karaoke. He said the residents and the staff had a wonderful time. We also participated in the Veterans Golden Age Games. All three veteran's homes except for Ivins met in Payson for these activities such as corn hole, balloon bad mitten, obstacle course, golf and trivia. Our veterans home took home the GOLD. They had about 70 residents compete with all three facilities. Next year the GEWOVH will host this event. Jon state that Nathan McEuen a son of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band honored us with his wonderful voice and talents of playing the guitar/banjo. The residents loved him and sang along to "Fishin in the Dark". Last weekend we had our annual car show and almost 100 cars showed up for this event to help end Alzheimer's and next week we have the walk to remember those with Alzheimer's. We also received \$20,064.00 donated to our facility from the Bowlers to Veterans (BVL) which is both local and national. Seven residents have passed since last report. Jon stated the residents have no concerns and were well taken care of.

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

Andrea reported on the Center for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) State of Utah Survey Results. This year has been a very hard year, and our facility usually is a deficiency free survey but due to nursing management change we had a few deficiencies. We had 9 clinical tags: Quality of Care, Pain, Accidents/Hazards, Nurse Staff Posting, Med Error Rate, Significant Med Error, Drug Storage, Qualified Dietary Staff, Food Storage.

In the Fire Life Safety we had 4 tags: Delta Electrical Room Hole in the Wall, AB & CD Fire Doors do not Latch, Kitchen Pantry Door was Propped Open, Fire Drills were all too close together during shifts they need to be more random, electrical testing on all equipment that touches the residents (CPAC, Beds, Ect). We have turned in our plan of correction and we are now in compliance. Andrea reported on the Unfunded Staffing Mandate which allows the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a final rule regarding minimum staffing for nursing facilities. Andrea stated this ruling would really hurt the nursing home industry and cause nursing homes to close their doors. She is going back to Washington DC next week to represent one of fifty states with the Healthcare Association to get cosponsors of this bill Protecting America's Senior's Access to Care Act. A handout on this information was sent out to board members and Andrea provided this link for additional information. Here is a great link to look at: <https://www.ahcancal.org/Data-and-Research/Pages/Staffing-Mandate-Analysis.aspx>

### **State Officer's Report**

Jacquee reported that we just updated the multipurpose room audio and sound equipment. She also reported on the status of projects pending at the facility; Retention Pond is still pending engineering to determine where our storm drain should be hooked up to. The two commercial dryer replacement have been ordered and should be installed in a few weeks. Main kitchen's new rational oven has been ordered and is pending installment. The barber shop remodel is designed and will be sent out to bid sometime in the next few weeks. We are now painting the exterior wood around the building and staining the gazebo/benches. Brady industries damaged the stained cement in the maintenance area and the concrete at the front of the building including around the monuments. They transported an open container of concentrated laundry detergent (sour). It leaked throughout the building. Jacquee contacted corporate office, and their insurance company will pay an outside contractor to fix the damage. They will start this process in October.

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

None Noted

### **Old Business**

Andrea handed out the T-Shirts she had ordered for the staff and residents to the board members.

### **New Business**

George E Wahlen 5K Tribute Run will be on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00am. A flyer will be distributed when completed. Jory Wahlen and his family will be in attendance. For any questions about this event please reach out to Jory.

Veterans Day will be celebrated on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Blake Wahlen, son of George E Wahlen.

**Upcoming Board Meetings**

December 19, 2024, at 3:00pm

March 20, 2025 at 3:00pm

June 19, 2025 at 3:00pm

September 18, 2025 at 3:00pm

**Adjourn Chairman** Curt adjourned the meeting at 4:02 PM.