

**Utah State Veterans Nursing Home
Advisory Board Meeting Agenda
August 21st, 2019**

1. Welcome Chairman
Board members present- Dave Phillips, Chair, Frank, Paddy, Daniel and Bart. Also present were Jack, Dennis and Berni

2. Approval of May 2019 Minutes
Motion by Frank and second by Paddy. All in favor

3. State Officer's Report State Officer

Highlights of past quarter:

- Purchased a new fryer for the kitchen that has been delivered and installed. In the process of ordering a new oven and steamer.

4. Avalon Report Jordan
Noralyn was unable to attend so she was representing by Jordan Halling, the Director of Nursing

a. Special Resident Activities

Car show will be this Friday with a bbq, all are welcome. We've also done some fun summer activities like a slip n slide and trips fishing.

b. Survey Updates
No updates

c. Customer Service - Pinnacle
Overall 4.8-5 ratings, great comments

d. Clinical/Operations Report
Falls- the goal is 25 or less, the problem is frequent fallers. Dave commented that the facility does a great job in improving the fall rates as they are about the same at all the facilities. Good that falls didn't result in injury. Paddy mentioned his room mate falls often out of bed and he tries to help him as he asks for help and no one can hear. They've also started the shingles vaccine and the facility is paying for it. Avalon is also implementing a new tech that tracks residents and alarms to nurses, it's like an apple watch. High risk residents will have it. Avalon corp is looking into for all VA facilities.

e. Financial Report
Nothing significant, budget is very good.

5. Next Meeting – November 20th, 2019

Discussion of funding formula, profit caps and why Utah has 5 star facility and a 98% occupancy rate. It took 20 years to get a veterans home and it's good the federal \$ are coming in.

6. Executive Committee Meeting

Chairman

a. New Business

Dennis mentioned that the VA is changing the structure where if we have beds over the allocation then VA will still pay per diem for eligible veterans in those beds if we construct them but will not pay construction costs.

As the facility is capped out on space there was a discussion of where another facility could be built if we had the funds or the VA allocation changed and authorized the state more beds. We can't build out with the streets and the creek but maybe move to another area.

How is the veteran population calculated- discussion on that and how VA info is outdated and is one of the issues the department has with their allocation formula. We say Utah has 170k vets but VA says 140k

Vets are using services.

b. Restricted Fund Review

State Officer

Passed out spreadsheet, no real activity in fund for the past quarter.

8. Adjourn

Chairman

Motion by Bart second by Frank.