

Nehalem Bay Health District Board Meeting  
Wheeler Care Center Board

April 7, 2021  
Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by chairman, Marc Johnson

Attendance: Marc Johnson, Tom Mock, Barbara Edwardson, Lynda Chick and Debbie Moberly. J

Jeff Slamal - CEO

Kim Topazio, Debra Padgett and Mark Remley – Care Center

Tom Ayers- Chairman of the Food Bank Board

Dianne Bloom – member of the public.

The minutes of the March Board Meeting were approved with a typo correction. Motion from Tom and second by Debbie. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of the Operational Scorecard.

Census was steady at 27 with 10 new admissions in February.

COVID Update: In-house room visits by appointment are ongoing. The requirement for testing for new residents has been relaxed as long as vaccinations have been administered. Screening of staff and visitors is constant. Vaccines continue, If low risk, hugs and touch is allowed. Administration is careful about the number of visitors let into the building. The residents and staff appear to be happier. If the county is moved to the “Extreme Risk” status the protocol will change.

Financials will be coming out with more robust reports to facilitate better understanding of the reports and current details along with historical data.

Staffing remains steady. A new charge RN was hired. C N A class has 5 students, all of whom will be hired at the end of the session. It was noted that the State reimburses the Care Center for a portion of the cost of the classes.

Physical plant projects are mostly complete. The roof is done with some ceiling tiles being replaced due to water damage. The Call Light system is working very well. Staff has cell phones with which to communicate. An interior designer visited the site to make recommendations as to improvements in room updates, flooring, painting, upgrading the nurses’ station and possibly suggestions for the entire building.

Customer service is being handled by way of weekly letters and phone calls from the administration to family and friends of residents to keep everyone informed about individual visits and restrictions.

It was noted that there hasn't been a survey of the facility for over 2 years and one is expected soon. Kim is keeping surveys in order to identify potential issues.

Debbie noted that it is the Board Members responsibility to work closely with the providers on the campus and the Care Center is the Board's responsibility. There doesn't appear to be any orientation for new Board Members. She feels there isn't enough interaction with the administration of the Care Center with regard to the finances and day to day running of the facility. She is hopeful that the new reports that are being generated will make it easier for Board Members to be better informed. The Board wants the Care Center to be successful and to be able to understand the budgets and explanations. She advised not to be afraid to ask the tough questions and to be asked those same tough questions by members of the Care Center administration.

Lynda concurred that it is critical for there to be Board orientation in order to achieve the stated mission and vision of the Health District. And Barbara said once the financial information is in a format that is easier to understand the Board will be able to achieve that goal.

There is a preliminary budget work day to be held on April 8 attended by a subcommittee of the Health District Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Meyers, Records Clerk

