

Nehalem Bay Heath District
Wheeler Care Center LLC Board
Special Meeting
February 2, 2022 5:00 pm on Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman, Marc Johnson.

Attendance:

Board Members: Marc Johnson, Anupam Nayaran, Jacki Hinton, Debbie Moberly.

Lynda Chick was absent.

Personnel: Jeff Slamal, CEO Jennie Meyers, Recording Clerk

Care Center: Mark Remley, Kim Sorenson, Debra Padgett, Lynnelee Baertlein and Melodee Wesley.

Community Members: Daniel Rascoe and Robin Durkee, Jerry Spegman.

Marc stated that the purpose of the meeting was for information gathering due to time constraints during the regular LLC Board. This meeting specifically revolves around the Census and Financial projections, the status of the Nurse Crisis Team and update on Federal Funds that may be available.

Debbie asked to verify that the meeting could enter into an Executive Session if the Board Members deemed necessary. Marc noted that the Board Members could call for an Executive Session by citing the specific ORS regulations.

Kim stated that the data and parameters of the projection report that was prepared and distributed last Friday (January 28, 2022) have changed, therefore a new report for projections of Census and Finances will be prepared. The Board members had questions concerning specific details of the current projection report. Clarification of certain areas was given such as details of the C N A class, how the Nurse Crisis Team will affect the next report, how the closing of Nehalem Bay House and Kilchis House will impact the Care Center as well as impact on the area as a whole. Also noted concerns revolved around the census at the facility, how to maintain, grow and possible expand services to attract more clients. A request for a comparison of per patient revenues received from different payers and the current mix was expressed.

Specifics as to actual revenue from the various classes of residents were clarified.

It was reported that the Nurse Crisis Team will begin working at the Care Center this evening at 6:00 pm. They will be on site until the program expires on March 31, 2022, or, if further relief is granted, an unknown future date. Board members specifically asked the management company for a projection beyond March 31 assuming continued nurse support and without nurse support. Also it was stated that the projection beyond March 31 for a continued monthly loss was not acceptable and we wanted a plan to overcome the loss.

There was specific question about the “reserve” noted in the Financial Projection Report. It was verified that there is no reserve, the amount listed as “reserve” is actually working cash. A change on the report will be made to reflect the correct title.

There was discussion regarding the potential number of residents and how to attract clients to the facility. It was noted that there needs to be a specific plan to move the census from the current mid 20’s number toward the potential 45 residents. A marketing plan must be established and implemented. Mark noted that a census of 45 is not reasonable. A conservative projection is requested.

There was further discussion regarding the physical plant and if any major repairs or replacement projects are anticipated. Debra noted that several projects have been completed and nothing new is anticipated.

There were questions about the foreign nurses who are getting the appropriate documents completed in order to come to the Care Center for work. One should be here in the next several weeks, the other’s arrival is farther out.

There was a report about the Federal Funds that may be available. \$12,760 was received through the Phase IV of the HHS program. There are no further dates to receive additional payments through the Employee Retention Tax Credit program. There are no new programs on the horizon that allow for distribution of Federal Funds.

Anupam suggested that help from the community may be available. He will speak with Debra and give her information about the local MRC (Medical Reserve Corp) group. Anupam appreciates the whole team in their efforts to find the best path forward.

Community Comments: Daniel thanked the Board for their support through this difficult time.

Debbie reminded the Board that a separate meeting for the LLC and HD Boards would be prudent. That issue will be addressed at the HD Board meeting next week.

Marc commented that the Board appreciates all that the administration at the Care Center does and thanks the staff for their hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Meyers, Recording Clerk