

Nehalem Bay Health District
February 9, 2022 7:00 pm
Zoom

Wheeler Care Center LLC Report to the LLC Board:

Call to order by Chairman, Marc Johnson at 7:01 pm.

Attendance:

Board Members: Marc Johnson, Debbie Moberly, Anupam Narayan, Lynda Chick and Jacki Hinton.

Staff/Contractor: Jennie Meyers, Recording Clerk.

Care Center Staff/Contractor: Debra Padgett, Kim Sorenson, Mark Remley.

Public: Gerald Wineinger, Dianne Bloom and Pat Arcady

There was no action to approve minutes of the January 12, 2022 as they had not been forwarded to Board Members prior to the meeting for review.

Marc Johnson asked that the meeting focus on the action items that were determined at the last meeting.

1. NURSE CRISIS TEAM

Kim reported that the nurses and C N As with the Nurse Crisis Team arrived at the building on January 31. (2 nurses, 2 C N As). Two additional C N As were expected today. Those individuals will continue working until March 31 at the earliest with possibility of extending their work period depending on Federal and State funding. It was reported that some of the Agency Nurse personnel have indicated that they would like to stay working at the Care Center. Caution was urged in advising others under contract about different job opportunities.

2. AGENCY CONTRACT CANCELLATION/PENALTIES

As of the current date there have been no penalties applied due to cancellation of Agency Contracts. Three of the contracts do not contain cancellation penalty clauses. Marc stated that Agency Staff Penalties must be reported to the Board immediately upon notification if and when they occur.

3. REQUEST FOR LOCAL HELP FROM GROUPS SUCH AS MRC (Medical Reserve Corps)

Debra reported that she has been in contact with Velda Handler of EVCNB with regard to discussing possible areas that the local group may be able to lend their aid.

4. CNA CLASSES

The current class is underway with 8 students. Part of the program is to encourage and support the students after completion of the class to test and get certified. State testing is required. A strategy to keep an ongoing pipeline of students ready to take the next class was discussed. The next available class will be in April. It was suggested that potential students may be contacted through the Community

Colleges in the area. Retention of graduated/certified students is handled without requirement for them to stay at the Care Center but through offers of benefits and retention bonuses.

5. FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS

Kim reported that the February statement will show a significant decrease in Agency expense. She states that the finances of the Care Center are tenuous but hopeful. The ongoing goal is to continue with the C N A classes, to communicate with regional hospitals daily and to reach out to Portland hospitals for referrals. There was further discussion about receipt of Federal and State Program dollars and other specifics on the financial projections. Kim noted that the financial projection is a snapshot of that particular moment in time and that it is fluid document that changes daily.

FOLLOW UP ON RFP FOR OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF THE CARE CENTER:

Jackie and Debbie reported on their work with regard to the Request for Proposal for Operational Assessment. The intention is to have an independent review of the operations and to dig deep into the organization and to understand what caused previous and current years' losses under Aiden Management. There needs to be a strategy for future management and how to keep the facility open and profitable. It is requested that Aiden remain an active participant in the process. This process will make sure we have the best way of running the business and to maximize the benefit to the community. The Board needs to evaluate the management structure.

There was consensus from the aboard that a two-person sub-committee, comprised of Anupam Nayaran and Lynda Chick, will work using the following suggestions from Marc:

If a change is made:

What would replace the current arrangement?

Who might the consultant be?

Does the Board need flexibility as to procurement rules for a consultant?

Could a consultant help with short and long term strategy?

PRIVATE DONATION:

No action to be taken at this time with regard to the Travel Trailer owned by Debra Padgett.

Anupam requested specific explanations as to how write-offs are managed and the reasons for the large amounts of bad debt under Aidan's management. Kim and Mark Remley will respond in the next month's report.

The next meeting will be on March 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Meyers, Recording Clerk