

**Health and Social Services Committee Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2009**

1. Census:	March 1-	86
	Admitted-	8
	Expired-	5
	Discharged-	1
	March 31-	88

2. Employee updates: new hires, terminations, and monthly safety report. Housekeeping Supervisor retiring after more than 30 years.

3. Public Aid:	Paid January	\$76,806.32
	Due February	\$98,821.90
	Due March	\$108,406.20

4. Medicare Payment Advisory Commission's report to Congress: Recommending Congress should eliminate the update to payment rates for skilled nursing facility services for fiscal year 2010.

5. Explanation of CMS Five Star Program- was supposed to be a program to make it easier for residents and their families to shop for care based on a "quality rating." Our biggest concern- caring for a high acuity population has the potential to harm a facility's rating. Example- we have residents who come to Hillcrest for our wound care program because of our success with healing open areas, yet we lose points on the "quality measures" category because we have residents in our facility with open areas.

6. IDPH Innovations Grant Program- Letter of Intent and Project Summary accepted. Now must submit full application and budget. I am asking for \$100,000 for "Light Makes Life Better" to provide both indoor and outdoor lighting options to address the effects of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). Application due by 5/04/09.

7. Illinois Department of Public Health annual survey- one deficiency
* Doctor must be notified each time that a diabetic resident's blood sugar does not fall between a specified parameter.

Still waiting for the architect from Public Health to arrive for the Life Safety Survey (building inspection).

8. March bills: \$277,721.62

9. Next meeting: May 5, 2009