Health and Social Services Committee Meeting
June 1, 2010

1. Census:

May 1-	85
Admitted-	9
Expired-	4
Discharged-	3
May 31-	87

2. Employee updates: new hires, terminations, and monthly safety report.

3. Public Aid:

Paid April	$110,846.45
Due for May	$118,383.06

Public Aid cancelled the January meeting with County nursing home administrators regarding the Public Aid rate for County nursing homes. No new meeting set at this time.

4. Innovations in Long Term Care Grant Committee has been dissolved due to Senate Bill 326. Mary Bergren served on this Board, and Hillcrest has received two grants separate totaling $150,000. Hillcrest is still owed a portion of the second grant of $50,000 and IDPH has sent a letter stating we will receive the funds. The money for the grants were from fines collected from nursing homes who had serious violations, with half going to the grant program and half going back to the State.

Now the fines collected will go to homes in receivership (about to be closed because of violations) and other distressed facilities as defined by law.

5. Report from Kenyon Architects regarding dining room expansion/front entryway remodeling project

6. Illinois Department of Public Health building Life Safety Survey completed 5/13/10. The following items were cited:

- automatic door closure needed for Central Supply office
- door co-ordinators needed for two sets of fire doors in lower level
- court yard doors can be locked from within the building but remain unlocked from outside so no one can be accidentally locked in courtyard.
- sirens and strobes lights need to be installed in courtyard to notify anyone in courtyard when fire alarm sounds in the building
- portable linen and trash containers cannot be more than 32 gallons (currently ours are 32 gallon but trash and soiled linen containers sit side by side on a portable PVC cart).

7. Illinois Department of Public Health nursing/facility survey- The following items were cited:

- residents must be educated and asked each year whether they want a flu shot (we had the residents sign a release at admission for yearly flu shot or their refusal)

8. New Nursing Home Legislation passed on May 6, 2010:
- Increase the number of IDPH surveyors based on number of facility beds, in three years the number of IDPH surveyors will double.
- Reviews the use of experimental research
- Psychotropic medications in long term care
- Increase minimum staffing levels phased in over several years
- New type AA violation with a fine not to exceed $25,000 per violation. Type A violations with fines will not exceed $12,500. Type B violations will not exceed $1,100. A facility with a repeat AA violation may be subject to license revocation.

The proposal to increase the nursing home bed tax from $1.50 to $6.87 per resident per day has been delayed until this fall. Congressman Phil Hare's office has responded to our concerns and will support having County nursing homes exempt from this increase. We will continue to seek support on this issue from other representatives.

9. Union contract