Health and Social Services
Hillcrest Home Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 7, 2008
6:00 p.m.

Present: Mary Bergren, Administrator of Hillcrest Home, Ron Salisbury, Betty Murphy, Muriel Weber and Jan May.

1. Census:
   January 1- 93
   Admitted- 6
   Expired- 5
   Discharged- 3
   January 31- 91

2. Public Aid:

	Paid November	$ 65,427.09
	Due December	$104,323.72
	Due January	$105,743.18

3. Henry County Farm- soil testing bill – tabled until able to meet with Rick Livesay and discuss the soil testing bill.

4. Updates:

- Proposal regarding demolition of old building. Per Bill Hawkinson of Kenyon Architects, Peoria Il: The building is not unique enough to have any historic value. The cost to renovate the old building would be as much as it would be to build a new building. Action Item: the committee voted unanimously to begin the demolition process by hiring the architectural firm of Kenyon and Associates as engineering consultants at a cost of $12,500.00.
- With the assistance of Phil Hare's office, we have submitted an application for funds ($125,000) to help with demolition costs of the old building. 10/01/08 would be the soonest funds would be available.
- No "revisit user fees" for nursing homes: CMS will not be charging skilled nursing facilities for revisit user fees now that President Bush has signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008 into law. According to the House Committee on Rules, the funding measure does not include language granting CMS the authority to charge fees to cover the cost of revisits.The controversial fees had been set at $168 for an off-site revisit survey and $2,072 for an on-site survey.
- Applied for the Innovations in Long Term Care Grant Program through IDPH ($50,000) to help with costs of new clinical/financial software and equipment for Hillcrest. We have narrowed the field of software vendors down to two choices, and will have a recommendation for the next meeting.
- Annex Roof Repairs- Inspection of SW corner of facility by Goodyear (yearly warranty inspection) found roof to be in need of repairs by Oldeen, which they have completed.
- Problem with frame on pickup truck used to plow snow, will try to switch blade to our other pickup.

5. February bills: $312,275.41. Muriel Weber made a motion to pay the February bills. The motion was seconded by Betty Murphy.

6. A motion to adjourn was made by Muriel Weber and seconded by Betty Murphy.

7. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Jan May, chairman of Health and Social Services