

Health and Social Services Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 7, 2012
4:45 p.m.

Present: Mary Bergren, administrator; Karen Urick, chair; Muriel Weber; Jan May; Tim Wells arrived at 5:30. Absent: Rebekah McCaw

1. Tour of facility construction

A tour of the facility, and update on progress, was given by Mary to committee members at 4:30 in order to see the construction during the daylight. The main highlights are: Firewalls have been constructed, outdoor entrance to the freezer unit is being enclosed, Portico and entrance door are framed in, there will be an outside dining and patio area to be developed after construction is complete, a kitchen mechanical room will allow the water heaters to be moved out of the annex mechanical room, addition of a family dining area and private social service office, reception desk area at front entry, and construction of sidewalk around the building as required by Public Health Life Safety. An anticipated date of completion is May 1, depending on availability of materials.

2. Meeting began at 5:00 p.m.

Weber moved to approve the amended agenda seconded by May.

May moved to approve the February 2012 minutes and Weber seconded.

2. Census

As of March 7 the census is 102 with 2 men's beds open. The women's beds are full.

3. Public Relations

Mary noted the many compliments she receives from visitors regarding the facility. A minister met with Mary to express his appreciation regarding the compassionate end of life care one of his parishioners received and the gratitude of the family. The 5 star status with US News and World Report was reviewed. Publicity articles have appeared in the Kewanee Star Courier, Geneseo Republic, and Moline Dispatch. Articles on visits to Hillcrest by the Ladders to Learning Preschool and Kickapoo

4. Employee updates

There were 3 new CNA's hired in February and 2 were self terminated. Three minor incident reports were filed in February. All employees remained at work and were re-inserviced. Mary attended a meeting at the courthouse on open Workman's

Compensation cases. There are 3 current open cases that were reviewed for long standing issues.

5. Public Aid

Hillcrest is currently owed \$841,470.44 through March. The August payment of \$146,322.45 was received. A notice from Public Aid noted that the September payment is on its way.

6. Negotiation updates

Nancy Specht, payroll personnel director attended a meeting at the courthouse regarding a Central Negotiating Committee and review of current practices.

7. Request for resident information.

Mary reviewed an ongoing request for information regarding a past resident.

8. Revisions to County Board Standing Committee Structure, Draft #2

A discussion was held regarding the proposal to eliminate the Health and Social Services committee and replace it with a Hillcrest Nursing Home Operating Board comprised of 7-members including 2 County Board members and 5 community members. Concerns were expressed regarding this proposal and the committee felt more information was needed.

8. Approval of Bills

Weber moved to approve February bills of \$429,491.12, May seconded. A payment was made to Hillbrand construction for \$57,897.90

9. Next Meeting is Wednesday, April 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was moved to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. by May, seconded by Weber.