

Health and Social Services Committee Minutes
Wednesday, April 4, 2012
6:00 p.m.

Present: Mary Bergren, administrator; Karen Urick, chair; Muriel Weber; Jan May;
Absent: Rebekah McCaw

1. Meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

Weber moved to approve the amended agenda seconded by May.

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

2. Census

As of April 4 the census is 101.

3. Public Relations

Country Financial completed their yearly review of daily nursing home costs for semi-private rooms as of March 2012. Once again, Hillcrest has the lowest daily cost of all nursing homes on the list for each level of care and is one of only 3 nursing homes on the 8 home list that is rated at 5 stars.

4. Employee updates

Two part-time dietary staff were hired to replace 2 part-time employees that moved on. There were 4 self terminations.

5. Public Aid

The last payment that was received was for September 2011 for \$149,492.10. Public Aid owes Hillcrest \$701,643.62.

6. Review of County Nursing Home Association Lobbyist Report

a. Bed Tax Increase - A final decision on incentives from the bed tax will probably come after some reimbursement resolutions have occurred.

b. Expedited Payment Status - A meeting was recently held with the State Comptroller's office regarding expediting county nursing home payments. Efforts are being made to convince HFS that expedited payments to county nursing homes are needed.

c. HB 5504 -

This bill revives the mechanism required for a county nursing home to either cease operations or lease their facility. This bill overrides the referendum and extraordinary vote requirements. The was not called, but it could resurface before the the legislature adjourns on May 31.

7. Renovation Project Update

Currently roofing both west and east additions. The front is framed in and an improvement to the previous entrance was noted. The suggested completion date of May 1 is still in place but will probably have to be amended.

8. Revisions to County Board Standing Committee Structure

Discussion regarding changing the name of the Health and Social and Service committee to Hillcrest Home Committee was discussed and met with favorable comments. The Health and Social Service committee has only been in regards to Hillcrest Home operations for several years.

9. Illinois Department of Public Health Survey

The annual Department of Public Health Survey for Nursing and Life Safety occurred from March 19 - March 26. Considerable time was spent going over the preliminary report and findings will be made public upon receipt of final report.

8. Approval of Bills

Weber moved to approve February bills of \$596,538.05, May seconded. Bills are higher this month due to 3 payrolls in the month and two payments made to Hillebrand construction.

9. Next Meeting is Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. by May, seconded by Weber.