

Health Committee
Meeting Minutes 9/2/2004

Meeting called to order by Pete Berg at 4:03 p.m. After roll call was taken Bob Regan, County Board Chairman, was added to make quorum.

Present: Pete Berg, Bill Sievert, and Mark Masters.

Others Present: June Meudt, Bob Regan, Everett Thomas and Barb Linscheid.

Motion for certification of open meeting by M. Masters/B. Sievert. Carried.

Motion to approve August minutes and September agenda by B. Sievert/M. Masters. Carried.

Agenda: Barbara Linscheid, Administrator of Bloomfield Manor, presented a report on the Manor. Bloomfield is licensed by DOH. It has 85 licensed beds. Dr. John Lehman is the Medical Advisor. Payment resources are MA, Veterans, Medicare and private pay.

Types of residents are:

1. Clinically complex, complex medical and sub acute hospital.
2. Rehabilitated residents (all ages)
3. Cognitively impaired, i.e., dementia or alzheimers. Two "Dove's Wing" have a total of 24 beds. There are support groups monthly to help families understand this disease.

The census shows movement in populations, i.e., 2003 116 admissions and 112 discharges with 62 going back to their own homes. In 2004, have had 80 admissions (most under Medicare).

State comes in annually for inspection. There are 500 rules they can look at. They come unannounced. Inspection this year was May 5 with five inspectors. Projects completed were 12 private rooms and a new administration area, a new elevator, new entrance, better parking lot and landscaping, electronic chart system including medication dispensing.

Nurse recruitment and retention has been a problem in the last year. Need 24-hour coverage with a RN. The director recently resigned also.

Old Business: Motion by B. Sievert/M. Masters to approve the 2004 budget. Carried. J. Meudt gave a report on Pertussis and indicated that Iowa County now has some cases. These need to be followed by the health department and take a lot of staff time. The state has over 1,500 cases so far this year. The Health Department has sent out information to medical clinics, school nurses, and others. It is extremely important that cases are reported as soon as possible to the Health Department so we can prevent others from getting it by having contacts get on medication.

New Business: Motion by M. Masters/ B. Regan to approve the Environmental Health Services Agreement with verbiage changes. Carried. J. Meudt will bring it back to the table in the final draft form. Larry Nelson, Corporate Counsel, has also been given a copy and he is comfortable with it. The changes relate to how money is allocated and paid to Grant County, the fiscal agency.

J. Meudt stressed the need to work on contingency plans for the Health Department and for the whole county government. Although plans are being done for county disasters, no one has addressed where county offices would go if the current environments were destroyed. The next Department Head meeting will be discussing this. The Health Department does have some of the process worked out but not where the Health Department would physically go if the current office were not available. J. Meudt will work on this and bring back a plan to the committee.

Meetings: The members of the health committee were encouraged to attend one or more of the bioterrorism meetings taking place. October 13 from 10:00a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Lancaster is a table top with all six counties. Iowa County will use their plan for mass vaccination to do a flu clinic in Dodgeville in October.

Motion to accept vouchers by M. Masters/B. Regan. Carried.

Next meeting is October 7, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by B. Regan/M. Masters. Carried.

Recorder: J. Meudt