

VALLEY HI COMMITTEE
McHenry County Administration Building
667 Ware Road
Woodstock IL 60098

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009

Chairman Dvorak called the Valley Hi Committee meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Ed Dvorak, Chairman; James Heisler; James Kennedy; Marc Munaretto; John Hammerand; Kathleen Bergan Schmidt and Mary McCann. Also in attendance: Ken Koehler, Chairman, McHenry County Board; Pete Austin, County Administrator; Representatives from Revere Healthcare; John Hadley, Facilities Management; Bob Yearian, Valley Hi Administrator; Shelly Lunsford, Valley Hi, and the press.

Ed Dvorak, Chairman	
John Hammerand	James Heisler
James Kennedy	Mary McCann
Marc Munaretto	Kathleen Bergan Schmidt

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the committee minutes for April 23, 2009. Mr. Munaretto made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler, to recommend approval of the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing the reclassification of Position #61016909 from a Certified Nursing Assistant I to a Food Service Assistant in the Valley Hi Nursing Home Roster: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the reclassification of Position #61016909 from a Certified Nursing Assistant I to a Food Service Assistant in the Valley Hi Nursing Home roster. Committee members were informed that this Resolution has already passed in the Finance and Audit Committee. This reclassification will help address days off and vacations in the food service area. Committee members voiced concern that they were taking CNA staff to fill this need. It was noted that the facility have enough CNA positions to meet the needs of the facility and there are currently a couple CNA positions that remain vacant. Mr. Munaretto made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Hammerand, Heisler, Kennedy, McCann, Munaretto, Schmidt, Dvorak)

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of issues / options for the future management of Valley Hi: Committee members entered into a discussion on the future management issues for Valley Hi. At the previous meeting committee members reviewed 5 options for consideration for the facility. Before leaving the past meeting direction was given to staff to review option 4, which was to create a Not-for-Profit Authority or Board to operate Valley Hi as a distinct governing entity. Mr. Austin reported that he had lunch with the DeKalb County Administrator to discuss how they have run their nursing home for the past 11 years. A copy of their by-laws and summary page were provided to the committee members for review. DeKalb County created a seven (7) person board to run the facility. The board consists of 2 county board members and 5 residents of the County that have expertise in the nursing home industry. The board members terms are for one year and members can serve no more than 6 years. Reappointments are required yearly. A board member can be removed for any reason. This board has the total management of the facility. They review the contracts and handle the day to day workings of the facility. The County Board does an annual review. The DeKalb Rehabilitation Center has rehabilitation in their name and includes a lot of Medicaid work at their center. They do long term care as well and do not have any ratio requirements for the facility. This facility had not done well in the past and they have traveled a similar path to McHenry County. Management and oversight of the facility have been turned over to this board, with great success. The DeKalb facility has a benefit from their location. Mr. Austin noted that he has asked the State's Attorney to review the by-laws of the management group and he stated that they did not find anything inappropriate in the program. Chairman Dvorak requested committee members to review the bylaws and bring back any questions at the next committee meeting for discussion. Mr. Munaretto stated that committee members should not ignore those from the financial community serving on this board. They were reminded that this board would be created by the County Board. Some committee members noted concern that the County was creating an increase of bureaucracy and they did not think this was needed and thought there was other options that should be considered by the committee. There are really only four options for consideration, as the constituents have already voted for a referendum to build and operate the Valley Hi Nursing Home, so selling the facility would not be an option. Mr. Austin noted that a decision will have to be made soon as the current contract with Revere Healthcare Management will expire soon. Committee members noted that if another board is created, the Valley Hi Committee would have to be dissolved and cease their functions and transfer the authority to the new board. They were reminded that the facility hasn't been run right for over 100 years. This is a highly regulated industry, both by the State and Federal Government and we should be putting experts in charge that know how to run a long term care facility. Committee members agreed they did not want to create another level of bureaucracy, but, there would be two members of the Board that are County Board Members and they would be able to keep a strong linkage between the two boards. Mr. Austin noted that in DeKalb County, the Administrator attends all meetings and would be a liaison for the County Board as well. The majority of the committee agreed, they did not want to create more bureaucracy, but, the County has not got the running of the facility right yet and it may be time to turn the management of the facility over to

someone else. After a very lengthy discussion, Committee members agreed that they need look at different ways to run the facility. It was noted that if the County Board does not like how the facility is being run, they can always change back to self management of the facility. They stated they do not know if staff is able to manage the organization at this time, but do not want to revert back to how it was run with very high agency costs. Committee members directed staff to create possible first draft by-laws for McHenry County Valley Hi Operating Board, reach out to Revere about a possible extension of their contract and obtain a biography of the persons serving on the DeKalb County Board nursing home committee and a count of the beds at DeKalb County home. They also requested a breakdown of comparatives for each of the facilities.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Administrator's Report/Financial Report: Ms. Shelly Lunsford was introduced to committee members. She completes the reports for committee members and reviews the details of the report. The report shows the differences monthly, with an increase noted in the Medicare program. The DeKalb nursing home has a heavy Medicare program. If Valley Hi had 20 Medicare beds filled, there would not be any deficit at the facility. The expenses are being watched and staff is continually analyzing the numbers and using them as a management tool. Revenue and costs have improved at the facility. There was a question at the last committee meeting where the residents at the facility are coming from. The majority of the residents are coming from the western portion of the county, one from the east side and three from out of state. Three of the residents came from Belvidere. The highest numbers came from Woodstock, McHenry and Crystal Lake. A list of facilities located in the county was provided to committee members for review. Some of these facilities are intermediate care facilities, which include fairly functional individuals, to assisted living/supportive living facilities to skilled nursing facilities, which would require higher level of nursing involvement. To receive Medicare, the facility must be a skilled nursing facility. There is a heavy concentration of facilities located in the eastern portion of the County, though none are located in Algonquin.

IGT: Nothing to report.

A call has been received from one of the volunteers at Valley Hi requesting permission to allow the garden club to plant some flowers at the facility. Committee members noted this should be planned with Facilities Management so they could determine where the plantings should be located.

The automatic doors are being installed on May 16th. These doors will allow the residents easy access to the four patio areas of the facility. Committee members were informed that the birds at the facility have laid 6 eggs. The residents seem to have fun watching the progress. The next Family Night will be scheduled for sometime in July. There was a very low turnout for the last event so they will try scheduling these nights quarterly to try to increase attendance at these events.

FUTURE TOPICS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hammerand to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:

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