

## SAMARITAN COMMITTEE

March 8, 2007

9:00 AM

Present: Dan Stoffel, Ralph Hensel, Larry Hoffman, Philip Laubenheimer, Ed Somers

Excused: Paul Tuchscherer

Meeting called to order at 9:04 AM.

Philip Laubenheimer moved to approve the minutes of 2/1/07 and 2/19/07, second by Ralph Hensel, motion carried.

Planning Survey Questionnaire - Mr. Somers reviewed the planning survey questionnaire from the executive committee. The planning survey asks what lies in store for Samaritan for the next 3 years. The highlight of the survey is the move to remodel Samaritan.

Schematic Design Update - Mr. Somers, as well as several members of the Samaritan Team have been meeting with the architects to go over in more detail the potential design for the facility. Mr. Somers discussed wish list items for the remodel such as setting up rooms for bariatric residents and positive and negative pressure rooms. The final report should be ready for the May meeting. Mr. Somers requested to schedule the May meeting, as there are a number of individuals that will need to attend. The meeting will be May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Multi-Purpose Room. The committee toured the facility to see firsthand some of the wish list items.

Family Care Steering Committee Update - The Family Care steering committee requested from the governor that Washington County be allowed to operate as a single county and not be part of a consortium. Resolutions will be coming forward before Office on Aging, Comprehensive Community Services Agency, and the Department of Social services to establish the Aging and Disability Resource Center, those resolutions will then come before the full board for final approval.

### Reports from Administrator

Morgue - The morgue has been utilized for one overnight use and has averaged about two cremation viewings a week since it opened.

Assisted Living - Mr. Somers discussed a couple living at the Fields and the half of the couple that receives services is out being rehabbed at Samaritan. Mr. Somers will charge the remaining spouse at a level 1 for the time the other spouse is out, and no second person charge. The committee agreed and instructed Mr. Somers to bring a list of possible variations of the 2<sup>nd</sup> person out situation for the committee to discuss and formalize into policy. The committee also instructed Mr. Somers to deduct \$250/month for two months from the bills of those tenants residing at Samaritan prior to the November rate increase notification.

Bed Tax - The state budget proposal includes a provision of a 2% rate increase through a bed tax increase. The industry has maintained that there is need for a 5% rate increase. The proposed cigarette tax increase does not pass any money on to nursing homes, which care for a disproportionately large number of smoking victims. Mr. Somers will be going to an association meeting on 3/14/07 to develop the association's official position.

Year-End - Mr. Somers should have the 2006 year-end financial analysis ready for the next meeting. Mr. Somers again warned the committee that the Fields start-up costs and capital contribution will weigh heavily on the bottom line.

Larry Hoffman moved to adjourn at 11:45 AM, second by Ralph Hensel, motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2007 at 9:00 AM.

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Dan Stoffel, Chairperson

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Larry Hoffman, Secretary

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Edward Somers, Administrator