

SAMARITAN COMMITTEE

May 10, 2007

9:00 AM

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM.

Paul Tuchscherer moved to approve the minutes of 4/4/07, second by Ralph Hensel, motion carried.

Schematic Design presentation by Plunkett-Raysich Architects - Larry Schneider presented the results of the Schematic Design study conducted by Plunkett-Raysich Architects. Also present for the discussion were representatives from Beyer Construction, Harwood Engineering and R.W. Baird. Mr. Schneider presented all items that were part of the original 1/4/07-space needs study and sixteen additional items that were added to the original design scope for things like bariatric rooms and an entrance canopy, the budget figure is \$10,443,418. Brad Viegut from R. W. Baird told the committee that currently tax exempt bonds are going for between 4% and 5% depending on the county's bond rating and term.

Paul Tuchscherer was excused at 11:15 AM.

Capital Improvement Project Requests - Samaritan is already approved for a roof replacement in 2008. Mr. Somers would like to include facility remodeling in 2008 as well. The timing is right as the state will provide additional funding through the cost report for facilities that sign up to reduce capacity and census, however this is a time limited offer as with other state downsizing initiatives. Currently, they will increase the property allowance calculation from \$58,900 per bed to \$75,900 per bed if a facility reduces its' capacity 50 beds or 25% and its' census 15%. On the horizon they anticipate increasing that amount to \$125,000 per bed for facilities that meet the downsizing criteria and also create private rooms, private baths and have a high t-19 census; this concept is endorsed by both division administrators and the secretary of the Department of Health and Family Services and should be included in the next round of the methods. Further a large portion of Samartitans debt is retiring at the end of 2007.

The committee reviewed the base project and additional items. After discussion of facility needs and program priorities, the committee narrowed down the list of additional items from sixteen to eight. Mr. Stoffel did not want the roof to be included in the project request as it has already been approved in the capital plan for 2008.

Larry Hoffman moved to request \$8,877,000 for a facility remodel in 2008 in addition to the roof replacement already approved; with debt to be repaid through user fees, second by Ralph Hensel, motion carried.

## Reports from Administrator

Therm Usage - Mr. Somers provided the committee a spreadsheet of the facilities therm usage over the last 3+ years. It is difficult at this point to determine if the new domestic water heating system is saving energy.

Equal Rights Case - The employee whose equal rights case was dismissed has exercised her right to appeal.

Pharmacy Investigation - Mr. Somers was served with a subpoena relating to the sale of the pharmacy to Omnicare. The county attorney is verifying that Samaritan is not the target.

Morgue - The county morgue has been used heavily the last several weeks with absolutely no disruption to Samaritan, as was anticipated.

Senior Dining Truck - The new truck is in use.

Therapy Move - The Samaritan Maintenance Department remodeled the old construction room into the new therapy gym. This was done to accommodate the higher caseload of therapy.

Housekeeping / Laundry Subcontracting - Six firms showed up for the pre-bid walk through for housekeeping and four firms for Laundry. The union sent a letter requesting copies of the Requests for Proposals let by the county and for formal notification of intent to subcontract. Mr. Somers provided the requested documents.

Philip Laubenheimer moved to adjourn at 11:43 AM, second by Larry Hoffman, motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 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