

SAMARITAN COMMITTEE

May 17, 2005

9:00 AM

Present: Dan Stoffel, Larry Hoffman, Brian Bausch, Paul Tuchscherer, Ed Somers

Also Present: Larry Schneider, George Beyer, Scott Derge, Jeff Hadtfield, Caite Doyle

Excused: Ralph Hensel

Meeting called to order at 9:04 AM.

Mr. Somers introduced Caite Doyle, a Social Work student from the University of Wisconsin Whitewater. Ms. Doyle is doing her internship at Samaritan this summer, she will be observing today's Samaritan Committee meeting.

Paul Tuchshcerer moved to approve the minutes of 4/19/05 and 4/25/05, second by Larry Hoffman, motion carried.

Affordable Assisted Living Project Progress Update with Plunkett Raysich Architects -

On 4/27/05 and 4/28/05 the architects met with the departments heads at Samaritan to discuss space needs for the facility. They also met with Scott Schmidt from the Planning and Parks department to request a topographic survey of the property; this will be done tentatively on 5/18/05 and 5/19/05. On 5/12/05 Mr. Somers and Jeff Holzhauser met with Paul Ziebert from the City of West Bend Planning Department to discuss the site and the cities requirements. We will need to have Scott Schmidt do a stormwater management study to verify that the retention pond has enough capacity. Mr. Somers spoke with Wendy Fearnside regarding the state pilot program where project specific COP-Waiver slots are assigned in exchange for surrendering skilled beds, there is an informational meeting tentatively scheduled for 6/1/05. Paul Mueller from Planning and Parks asked that they be allowed to remove sod from the project area prior to excavation work starting. Mr. Somers and Sue Haag are meeting with Baird to discussing bonding for the project on 5/18/05.

Larry Schneider went over the space program, and possible site plans for the facility, with the committee. The committee gave its input for the site plan they liked best, they want a plan that maximizes views of the grounds and minimizes views of the Samaritan. Mr. Schneider will use the committee's comments to develop the final site plan. The committee reiterated its desire to have ovens in the units to maintain a homelike quality. The site survey is due back to Plunkett Raysich Architects by May 5/27/05 then the final site plans and elevations can be designed. The final site plan with civil engineering drawings, exterior elevations and landscape plans needs to be the City of West Bend Planning Department by the end of June to be approved by the Planning Commission in August.

The committee set the next meeting to be 5/26/05 at 1:00 PM to review the final site plan. The committee will also meet 6/9/05 at 9:00 AM to approve site elevations and 6/21/05 at 9:00 AM to review preliminary budget numbers from Construction Management Group.

Results of Customer Satisfaction Survey - Customer satisfaction surveys were mailed out to all residents and or their responsible party. Comments were generally positive and overall satisfaction was at 98%. Any specific complaints were addressed to the extent possible.

Preliminary discussion of 2006 Budget and Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement - The 2006 budget will pose many new challenges to accompany the old ones. The biggest challenge will be developing a budget for the Assisted Living, as we will have no historical costs for food, utilities etc. this will require some investigation and some educated guessing. Currently the outlook for reimbursement looks as such:

1. 1.4% projected T-19 rate increase provided the increased bed tax stays in the state budget, the bed tax is due to increase \$50 from \$75/bed/month to \$125/bed/month. This tax increase is used to get federal matching funds, the proposed state budget offers no new GPR to fund rate increases.
2. Medicare is due to eliminate the \$35/day therapy add-ons effective October 31st of this year. Also, Medicare wants to bring back \$1500 therapy caps on part B services.
3. Union employees are due a 3% increase in wages, as will likely occur for non-represented employees, and health insurance is always a huge wild card. The county is bidding health insurance for '06 and no information is available yet.
4. ITP is currently set at \$37 Million, or approximately \$20/patient day, in the proposed state budget.

Washington County Capital Plan - Mr. Somers submitted a revised capital plan request to Doug Johnson for \$2.9 Million for the construction of the Affordable Assisted Living. This figure was arrived at using figures from George Beyer based on actual recent experience. The project will still require no county tax dollars. The roof replacement project is still due to be completed when the other county roofs are done.

Reports from Administrator

Meadowbrook Manor - Mr. Somers contacted Sonia Utterback at Meadowbrook Manor and offered to have a transfer agreement to provide temporary shelter in the event of an emergency.

Dentistry - Samaritans dentist has agreed to see a limited number of Community Options Program clients at Samaritan.

Paul Tuchscherer moved to adjourn at 11:50 AM, second by Larry Hoffman, motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2005 at 9:00 AM.

Dan Stoffel, Chairperson

Larry Hoffman, Secretary

Edward Somers, Administrator