

SAMARITAN COMMITTEE

November 2, 2006

9:00 AM

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

Excused: Dan Stoffel

Also Present: Scott Derge

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM.

Larry Hoffman moved to approve the minutes of 10/5/06, second by Philip Laubenheimer, motion carried.

Hot Water Storage Tank Replacement Update - The hot water storage tank replacement is complete, Scott Derge was present to discuss the project. The transfer to the new system was done with little to no disruption to operations. The entire project went well and Grunau proved to be a very reputable contractor. The committee toured the boiler room.

Assisted living Update - All units at the Fields are rented, and couples occupy two units.

Reports from Administrator

Morgue - Mr. Somers is working with the Medical Examiner to develop a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the use of the morgue space. The plumber has submitted plans for state approval of the plumbing changes.

Architects Meeting - Mr. Somers will be meeting with the Architects once more to go over some final details before the December committee meeting.

Family Care - Mr. Somers has been to several meeting regarding Family Care expansion statewide. There are two areas of concern with this program as it relates to Samaritan. The first is that Milwaukee is facing a shortage of t-19 nursing home beds due to Family Care and the adverse selection process combined with the states unwillingness to pay for the higher overall acuity level that has resulted. The second is a shortage of Assisted Living available to Family Care clients due to the low room and board rates these clients can afford.

Medicaid RUG's-34 - Medicaid has changed its reimbursement scheme to a system similar to Medicare. The good news is that the state has increased the limits in the capital component for phase down renovations. Mr. Somers is looking for a consultant to work with all staff responsible for generating the MDS.

Union Negotiations - More negotiations are scheduled for 11/9 and 11/13.

Paul Tuchscherer moved to adjourn at 10:54 AM, second by Larry Hoffman, motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2006 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