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**WASHINGTON COUNTY
SAMARITAN COMMITTEE**

Samaritan Health Center
West Bend, WI

March 6, 2014
7:00 a.m.

Present: Michael Bassill, Dawn Eyre, Jeffrey Geib, Daniel Stoffel, and Michael Weston.

Also Present: Campus Administrator Matt Furno, County Manager Joshua Schoemann, County Clerk Brenda Jaszewski, and Accountant Jeff Werner.

Chairperson Stoffel called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. and read the Affidavit of Posting.

MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Geib, seconded by Mr. Weston to approve the February 6, 2014, minutes as presented.
Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. Werner presented and reviewed the accounts receivables through January, 2014, for the Skilled Nursing Facility, RCAC, and the CBRF. Mr. Werner stated the County is now utilizing a State agency through the Department of Revenue that will act as a collection service for counties and cities. Mr. Furno indicated the goal is to reduce the Nursing Home receivables that are 90 days and older to approximately \$500,000.

UNITED HEALTHCARE OPTUM PROGRAM

Mr. Werner stated that at the end of January, Samaritan's contract with United Healthcare ended. The prior contract provided payments to Samaritan as a supplement to Medicare. Currently, there are approximately 30 residents who have a United Healthcare policy. United Healthcare does offer an Optum program, which is an in-house program for individuals in the nursing home. This program provides for a Nurse Practitioner to follow these individuals in order to provide early intervention to try to reduce the need for hospital admissions. Mr. Furno is working with United Healthcare and is hopeful that by the end of this month, the County has a firm answer regarding the Optum program.

CAMPUS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Pre-Employment Screening & Physicals

Mr. Furno presented and reviewed the proposed additional pre-employment drug screening and physical requirements. He estimates that it may cost the County \$4,625 in additional up-front pre-employment costs; however, he believes the savings will be greater than this through fewer work related injuries. At the next meeting, Mr. Furno will request the Committee take action on this item.

Discussion Regarding Chapter 55 Placements at the Samaritan Campus

Mr. Furno stated that in 2013, there were 13 chapter 55 placements and the cost to Samaritan was approximately \$34,000. Mr. Furno has met with the ADRC Director and the Samaritan will begin receiving \$150 per day, for the first three days, for individuals at the Samaritan due to Chapter 55 placements. During these three days, it is expected that the ADRC determine if these individuals are truly Chapter 55 placements. Mr. Schoemann stated that Washington County needs to address this issue and feels the cost for Chapter 55 placements should not be borne solely by the Samaritan.

1 Dementia Certification and Leading Age Workshop

2 Mr. Furno stated that the State is developing a new certification for dementia care and he will be
3 attending a workshop in Madison to learn more about this new certification. Currently, Samaritan
4 does not have adequate staffing or the ability to provide adequate safety measures to take some
5 specialized dementia residents with specific behavioral problems. Mr. Furno is recommending a
6 joint meeting with the ADRC Board at some point in the future to discuss this issue.

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8 Activity Therapy Supervisor

9 Mr. Furno stated that an Activity Therapy Supervisor has been hired to take the place of Mary
10 Thiemer, who will be retiring. There will be a retirement party for Ms. Thiemer on March 25, 2014,
11 and the Samaritan Committee members are invited to attend.

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13 Charter Contract Update

14 Mr. Furno stated that he is waiting for a written proposal from Charter for additional equipment and
15 does not yet have final cost estimates. Additional information on this item will be provided next
16 month.

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18 Contract Status:

19 Mr. Furno is waiting for one additional signature for the BSG contract, and once received, it will be
20 completed. The Loaves & Fishes and Dietician contracts are completed.

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22 Mr. Furno informed the Committee that Stericycle is the vendor that removes the Samaritan medical
23 waste and currently, we do not have a contract. We are paying \$660.57 per trip, and last year there
24 were 13 trips, for a total of \$8,587.41 for this service. Mr. Furno has signed a service agreement for
25 the next 12 months with a reduction in the fee to approximately \$327.00 per trip. He is working with
26 Purchasing to determine if we can work toward a regional bid for this service in the future.

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28 Human Resources Department Head Interview

29 Mr. Furno has agreed to participate in the group that will work with Mr. Schoemann and provide the
30 initial round of interviews for the Human Resources Director position.

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32 **NEXT TENTATIVE MEETING DATE**

33 The next Samaritan Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2014, at 7:00
34 a.m. in the Samaritan second floor conference room.

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36 **ADJOURNMENT**

37 Moved by Mr. Geib, seconded by Mr. Bassill to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 a.m. Motion carried.

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41 Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk
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