

LA CROSSE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE OR BOARD:	VETERANS, AGING & LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING:	MONDAY, October 10, 2022
MEETING PLACE:	Administrative Center, County Board Room 1700 212 6th Street N, La Crosse, WI 54601 Click here to join the meeting
TIME OF MEETING:	8:00 A.M.
PURPOSE OF MEETING:	MONTHLY MEETING
1.	Roll Call/Call to Order
2.	Public Comment
3.	Approve Veterans, Aging & Long-Term Care Committee Minutes of September 6, 2022
4.	Director's Report (Informational): a. Census b. Staffing Update
5.	Conference/Meeting Report
6.	2023 Budget Discussion
7.	Regent Manor – Update
8.	Hillview Planning and Design Update
9.	Next Committee Meeting: November 7, 2022
10.	Future Agenda Items
11.	Adjourn

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OTHERS

Ryan Westpfahl
Krista Heinz/Coulee Cap
Bryan Jostad
Jennifer Briseno

DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator
County Board Chair
County Clerk
Facilities

EMAIL:

Wanda Plachecki
Audra Martine
Kelly Kramer
Adam Flood

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Roger Plesha, Chair
Dan Ferries
Peg Isola
Grant Mathu
Gary Padesky

MEMBERS: If unable to attend, call the County Clerk's Office at 608-785-9581.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Committee may receive information from the public, but the Committee reserves the right to limit the time that the public may comment and the degree to which members of the public may participate in the meeting.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you need accommodations to attend this meeting, please contact the County Clerk's Office at (608)785-9581 as soon as possible.

DATE NOTICE FAXED/MAILED/POSTED: October 6, 2022

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VETERANS, AGING & LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Room 1700, County Board

Room 8:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Roger Plesha (Chair), Dan Ferries, Peg Isola, Grant Mathu, Gary Padesky
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	None
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
OTHERS PRESENT:	Wanda Plachecki, Kelly Kramer, Jane Klekamp, Ryan Westpfahl, Jessica Gjertsen, Jennifer Briseno, Jon Rynish, Julie Heiberger, Jason Diem, Audra Martine, Adam Flood, Joyce McLaughlin

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Roger Plesha called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVE MINUTES:

Veterans Aging & Long-Term Care Committee – August 8, 2022. **MOTION** by Mathu/Ferries to approve the minutes of August 8, 2022. **Motion carried unanimously.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Plachecki indicated the Lakeview Campus has four open beds. The nursing home is full. Ravenwood has two open beds. The assisted living campus has two open beds.

Administrator Kramer covered the Hillview Campus occupancy. The nursing home census is at 61 out of 75 licensed beds, the assisted living has 24 out of 30, and Carroll Heights is 53 out of 55.

The bedhold policy was reviewed. A bedhold can only be charged if the occupancy rate is above a certain level. A 15-day bedhold is required.

Staffing remains challenging. Flexibility in hours is offered as much as possible. Director Plachecki commented on the sign-on bonus and the increased hourly wage offered at the other nursing home in the West Salem area. Work is being done to continue to educate staff on the total compensation package. In response to questions from committee, Director Plachecki commented on shift and weekend differentials and indicated these incentives are being evaluated.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT: None.

REGENT MANOR ADULT FAMILY HOME UPDATE:

Director Plachecki indicated work continues with Murphy Cares, Inc., and owner/operator Stephanie Murphy. As indicated at last meeting, plan to explore options to "contract" with Ms. Murphy to provide some staff coverage is still being developed. Two options are being explored; 1) Regent Manor will enter into agreement with Murphy Cares, Inc. to provide staff at a "contract" rate, 2) Regent Manor will directly enter into a staffing agreement with individual staff from Murphy Cares, Inc. Options will be reviewed and finalized with Ms. Murphy. Ms. Murphy will be invited to attend the next meeting for introduction.

HILLVIEW PLANNING and DESIGN UPDATE:

Jon Rynish, Julie Heiberger, and Jason Diem updated the committee on the bid packages and the red line review process. Work continues on completing the construction documents and site bid package. The first bid package has gone out. Final contracts are expected to be completed after Bid Package 1 and 2 have been received and reviewed.

HILLVIEW'S STATE SURVEY REVIEW:

Hillview Health Care Center had their annual survey in July. It resulted in three citations in the health survey and five citations in the life safety codes. One of the health survey citations was at a G level and may result in a civil money penalty. The plan of correction included training and policy changes. The life safety code deficiencies have been fixed. A re-visit by State surveyors has occurred. All deficiencies have been corrected and facility has returned to compliance.

If a civil money penalty is imposed, Director Plachecki will review penalty and action taken at future meeting.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: October 10, 2022

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Padesky/Ferries to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 a.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next committee meeting. Joyce McLaughlin, Recorder



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Long Term Services, Wanda Plachecki/Executive Director

TO: Veterans, Aging & Long-Term Care Committee
FROM: Wanda Plachecki, NHA
DATE: October 6, 2022

CENSUS UPDATES

Lakeview Health Center & Assisted Living Campus

Census for the Lakeview campus is:

- Lakeview Health Center
 - Census: 50
 - Licensed Beds 50
- Ravenwood
 - Census: 7
 - Licensed Beds: 10
- Maplewood
 - Census: 15
 - Licensed Beds: 15
- Neshonoc Manor
 - Census: 15
 - Licensed Beds: 15
- Monarch Manor
 - Census: 7
 - Licensed Beds: 8
- Regent Manor
 - Census: 3
 - Licensed Beds: 4

Hillview Health Care Center & Assisted Living Campus

Census for the Hillview campus is:

- Hillview Health Care Center
 - Census: 54 in-house
 - Licensed Beds: 75
- Carroll Heights
 - Census: 54
 - Licensed Beds: 55
- Hillview Terrace



- Census: 6
- Licensed Beds: 30
- The Oaks
 - Census: 4
 - Licensed Beds: 10

STAFFING UPDATE:

Campus Recruitment Activity/Updates: Recruitment continues for the vacant HR Recruiter position. We are in the initial interview phase and hope to have this position filled before the end of the year.

We continue to see very poor response to our C.N.A. vacancies with little to no applications for the past few months. Non-certified Resident Care staff applications have been coming in but continue to see “no call, no shows” for interviews and lack of follow up by applicants.

COVID-19 GUIDANCE CHANGES

C.M.S. (Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services) & the CDC (Center for Disease Control) has recently updated its guidance to health-care settings related to COVID-19. These updated recommendations provide greater flexibility for individuals living and working in healthcare settings than previous guidance. The CDC has also retired the nursing home-specific guidance that recommended more stringent mitigation measures for nursing homes than other healthcare settings, though additional considerations for nursing homes and other special settings are included in the updated healthcare setting guidance.

Some high-level changes include:

- Mitigation measures such as quarantine/work restriction, screening, and use of PPE and other source control will be the same for all individuals, regardless of whether the individual is **up to date** with COVID-19 vaccination
- CDC no longer recommends active screening of staff and visitors entering a healthcare setting for COVID-19 symptoms or exposure. Lakeview and Hillview will continue active screening of our employees and visitors as this has been an effective way of educating our staff and of obtaining information related to potential infections.
- Quarantine/Work Restriction is no longer recommended for asymptomatic staff, residents/patients or visitors to healthcare settings following exposure. CDC also no longer recommends quarantine of asymptomatic new admission/readmissions to the nursing home.
- CDC no longer recommends routine screening testing of asymptomatic healthcare personnel based on community transmission rates.

CDC recommendations for outbreak response in nursing homes remain unchanged.

We hope that CMS and the CDC continue to evaluate these recommendations and find a balance between the safety and well-being of the residents and staff in nursing homes and other healthcare settings. The Long-Term Care Infection Prevention teams have been reviewing specific guidance and adjusting our Pandemic Plans accordingly.

(Source: LeadingAge, CMS memo [QSO-20-38-NH](#) and memo [QSO-20-39-NH](#))

Please contact me with any questions you may have related to this report or other long term care issues. You may contact me at 608-612-0640 or wplachecki@lacrossecounty.org.