



UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Bloomfield Commission
Tuesday, July 17, 2018, 1:30 p.m.
Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center
3151 County Rd CH
Dodgeville, Wisconsin

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1	Meeting was called to order by Chair Paull at 1:36 p.m.
2	Roll Call. Present: Deal; Griffiths; Jenkins; Ladewig and Paull. Others present: Dan Nankee; Bierke; Crook; Raab; Tarrell; Mary Dunn; Linda Larsen; Diane Newberry and Oellerich.
3	Approve the agenda for this July 17, 2018 meeting. Motion by Griffiths to change agenda date to July 17, 2018 and change the minutes date to June 19, 2018. Motion second by Ladewig. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried. Motion by Jenkins to approve the agenda of the July 17, 2018 meeting. Motion second by Deal. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	Approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018 meeting. Motion by Griffiths to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018 meeting. Motion second by Jenkins. Nankee asked for clarification on item #5 HeART group participation and on item #7 regarding agency staff being unreliable. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
5	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee. No action will be taken. Mary Crook was speaking for some employees regarding the salary structure and recent raises effective July 1, 2018. Bierke explained the thinking behind the study and that the salary structure is designed as a bell curve. Ladewig asked if there was a COLA every year or merit wage. Bierke said the wage structure is a mixture of that. The whole chart moves up 2 to 2.5% and by increasing the chart, it reflects what market is paying. Bierke or the county Employee Relations department would be willing to come to Bloomfield to explain the wage structure. Linda Larsen inquired about the move of activities from the Gov. Dodge Room to the north porch area. Larsen asked who made the decision and why was it made. Mary Dunn feels the north porch space is a cracker box and not a good space for activities with no sink or kitchenette. Diane Newberry feels people are staying in their rooms. Dunn added that the north porch is not centrally located and out of the way. Discussion ensued regarding using part of the Gov. Dodge room; additional areas for activities; marketing; therapy and a separate entrance for outpatient rehab. Jim Raab, Interim Administrator and Tammy Rule, Director of Nursing are talking about options and a good mixture of space. Ladewig would like to see this item put on the agenda next month. Paull concurred.
6	Social Services Report: Jim Raab, Interim Administrator reported that Social Worker interviews are being conducted this week. In June 2018, there were 23 referrals with two admissions; sixteen denied and five lost. Some reasons for denial include medical complexity, need for a R.N. around the clock and behavioral problems too difficult to handle. Also in June 2018, there were seven discharges with two going home, one to the hospital and four expired. Ladewig asked about behavioral issues and drug rehab. Raab said there is no specific drug rehab. Larsen asked if the facility takes feeding tube patients. Raab said yes, we do, as long as staff are trained. Paull asked if there were denials on payer source. Raab said some of the Medicare replacement plans are out-of-network. Payer sources are managed, but not denied.

7	Environmental Services Report: Jake Tarrell reported a few windows would be changed out. Replacement of a well pump estimates are \$25,000-\$27,000. There are two wells on the property. At the sewer plant, work continues on phosphorus removal. The phosphorus level was not met for June and so far in July levels are fine. There may be a need to haul sludge two times per year. Discussion ensued on ground to haul the sludge and county land use. In the last two years, the sludge from the Bloomfield sewer plant is hauled in the fall. Tarrell explained the sludge process and will continue to work on options, as well as, the process.
8	Chairman's Report: Paull reported on Healthy Aging in Rural Towns, HeART. HeART surveys will be distributed and will be available online. On July 25, there will be a special County Board meeting to discuss Bloomfield. There will be presentations by different groups and people to answer questions and progress forward. Some discussion may be open; the discussion with Upland Hills will be closed. Reports presented will be in open session.
9	Marsh Country Healthcare Alliance discussion. Griffiths attended the Alliance meeting in June and the Alliance meets two times per year. Clearview takes other counties mental health patients. Griffiths explained the five-year system with participation in the Alliance. Patients are required to have a specific diagnosis for acceptance at Clearview in Dodge County. The annual budgeted amount for Iowa county is \$13,521.00 for 2019. Seventy-five percent of the residents are Medicaid. Clearview had 186 beds and dropped to 176 during the previous year. Paull asked about staffing issues and Griffiths replied that they have staffing issues with C.N.A.s. They do hold classes in their facility for C.N.A.s and they hire hospitality service aides with a different skill set.
10	Medical Director coverage at Bloomfield Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center update: At a recent Quality Assurance meeting, the Bloomfield Medical Director, Dr. Gary Grunow announced there would be changes in the hospital system and realignment of some positions starting in September 2018. These changes are a result of the Mineral Point/Dodgeville Medical Centers combining with UHH. There is a possibility of facilities, such as Bloomfield, having a doctor on staff to care for all residents. It is a requirement for nursing home residents to be seen every 30 days by medical staff. Paull asked about a checks and balance system on why people go back to the hospital. Raab commented the data and review of that data needs work.
11	Staffing practices and quality of care discussion: Paull is looking for questions and answers for the county board meeting on July 25 regarding Bloomfield. Discussion ensued on medical challenges, such as, IV's and wound care. Staffing was discussed, as well as, previous studies and building costs.
12	Administrator Report: Jim Raab reported that the census seems consistent at 50 residents. Currently, Medicare A is at 8.1% and self-pay is 25.9%. Bloomfield is in the survey window and currently doing prep work and staff training. The new state survey process has changed and the first full day is spent with residents. Electronic medical record systems and internet connections were discussed. Jinkins asked about a replacement for the Administrator. The search is ongoing. Raab said the county is advertising for the Business Manager position, as well as, a Dietary position. Ladewig left the meeting at 3:26 p.m.
13	Other Business – None.
14	Next meeting date. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 21 at 1:30 p.m.
15	Adjournment. Motion by Jinkins to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Griffiths. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
	<i>Minutes by Karen Oellerich; reviewed by Jim Griffiths, Secretary.</i>