APPROVED MINUTES
Bloomfield Commission
Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 1:30 p.m.
Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center
3151 County Rd CH
Dodgeville, Wisconsin

Iowa County Wisconsin

1	Meeting was called to order by Chair Paull at 1:31 p.m.
2	**Roll Call.** Present: Deal; Griffiths; Jinkins; Ladewig and Paull. Others present: Bierke; Raab; Mary Dunn; Linda Larsen; Ron Laufenberg; Carolyn Toplaff; Grady and Oellerich.
3	**Approve the agenda for this August 21, 2018 meeting**. Motion by Griffiths to approve the agenda of the August 21, 2018 meeting. Motion second by Jinkins. Ladewig commented that item #13 regarding Other Business is concerning as the agenda states “any subject on this agenda may become an action item”. After discussion on open meeting laws and intent of the agenda item, Motion by Ladewig to amend agenda item #13 to read “Business at next Bloomfield Commission meeting”. Motion second by Griffiths. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried. Vote called on the original motion with amendment. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried.
4	**Approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting.** Motion by Griffiths to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018. Motion second by Ladewig. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried. Correction noted in vote for adjournment to Aye: 4; Nay: 0.
5	**Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee.** No action will be taken. Griffiths has been following the minutes of the Pine Valley Board of Trustees and commented on the June meeting where CBRF Heightened Scrutiny was discussed and Griffiths attended the August meeting and raised questions if the “Heightened Scrutiny” was a threat to their successful private pay CBRF operation. Family Care will not refer Medicaid patients until the facility has “Heightened Scrutiny”. Pine Valley anticipates that by the end of 2018. The Pine Valley Board also reviewed the “WI Association of County Homes County tax levy 2012 through 2018” from Brian Schoeneck. Griffiths distributed the tax levy document to the commission members. Bierke commented on the County Board action to “go forward with Upland Hills Health to form a non-profit entity to work toward building assisted living units and a nursing home” and a recent letter sent from Bierke to employees. Discussion ensued with a timetable, electrical code for current building, employees and transitions. Raab commented that a question from staff is what is Bloomfield’s representation as the situation gets closer and the possibility of someone from the facility to contribute toward design. Bierke commented as the organization’s structure is created there will be more details. Griffiths commented that the Bloomfield Commission has three Senior Living 2020 committee members in common, Bierke, Deal and Paull. Ladewig felt those members would enable staff to ask questions of them. More discussion ensued on tax levy, profit driven facility and regulations. Paull stated per Chapter 51 of WI State Statues, Iowa County is responsible to take care of the people. Linda Larsen asked if the letter to employees is for publication to stop negativity and commented that the letter to employees came out on a Saturday and no questions could be addressed until Monday. Bierke stated the document was done as quickly as possible and the draft went out early that week. Bierke stated county business is open to the public, if the public wants to be informed, it is the responsibility of the public to keep an eye on the public. This will be an agenda item on the next agenda. Griffiths commented most counties that have nursing homes do not expect the nursing home facilities to break even.

6	**Activities Report – Kari Grady**. Grady shared last week some residents were treated to the Dodgeville Kiwanis chicken barbeque. Because of weather, the participating residents did not go out of the facility but the chicken was brought to Bloomfield. Elvis week was celebrated with activities, deep fried dill pickles, and cherry cola, two of Elvis' favorites. Next week is "Beach Week" and there will be a bonfire on Thursday night. In September and October, outings are planned for Pecks, the apple orchard and a pontoon ride. Paull stated Grady does a phenomenal job and there are staff here we do not want to lose. Jinkins asked about the Casino night activity. Grady stated each of the three activity staff members have cut hours from 80 per pay period to 72 per pay period.
7	**Business Manager/Financial Reports.** Oellerich shared supplemental payment information with the commission. Discussion regarding financial coverage during the business manager open position ensued. Bierke stated that Roxie Hamilton, County Finance Director assured him that she could handle coverage in the interim. The Bloomfield Business Manager will report to the county Finance Director going forward.
8	**Discussion on use of Gov. Dodge room and Activity areas.** Linda Larsen explained drawbacks to residents in not having the Gov. Dodge room as an activity area. Paull recognizes that the Gov. Dodge room was a social area. Grady explained the life safety code issues and the move of activities from the Gov. Dodge room was brought up to residents at Bingo and resident council with no objection. Mary Dunn stated she brought it up at resident council and two residents were not happy with the move. Grady explained different areas of the building where activities are held and feels the activity department has adjusted. The activity staff bring residents to an activity area and does not feel location is a hindrance to attendance. The move is also a benefit to therapy. The air conditioning on the porches was discussed. The possibility of moving rehab to the Chapel was briefly discussed, as well as, the Campbell fund donation and purpose. Bierke would like to see the item referred to Raab to bring back ideas for activity areas or community rooms, which would be centrally located. Raab will put together a proposal with three to four options.
9	**Resolution regarding modifying the number of beds licensed at Bloomfield Healthcare & Rehab Center.** Motion by Griffiths to approve the resolution with changes to add to paragraph 4, pursue "bringing the present facility up to code, maximizing the number of private rooms and" implementing, i.e. Motion second by Ladewig. Paull commented on possible changes. Jinkins is opposed to a 50-bed facility. Raab commented on private rooms as the norm but Bloomfield would still have shared bathrooms. Oellerich stated there are currently 52 resident rooms. Bierke said with the merger there would be a surplus of beds as currently Bloomfield has 65 beds and Uplands has 44 beds. Griffiths stated the information he has seen shows a new facility could take four to five years. Griffiths further shared past studies done by Hoffman, Wipfli and Jewell & Associates and he is worried about being up to code, as well as, other concerning issues. Griffiths shared Brian Schoeneck's information that 16 nursing homes closed in 2017 and six in 2016. Beds in one facility sold for $5000/bed. Discussion ensued on facility issues, elder care industry and costs for updates to the facility. Paull stated the county board made a commitment to stay in the nursing home business. Oellerich commented on an area nursing home and cutting the opportunity to bring in profitable pay sources with a cut in beds, as well as, the upcoming nursing home life safety code inspection. Jinkins commented on Prairie Village Care. Motion by Jinkins to table any action until next month. Second by Deal. Aye: Deal, Jinkins, Ladewig and Paull. Nay: Griffiths. Motion carried on a 4 to 1 vote.

10	**Overview of Medicare payment system called Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM)** - Jim Raab presented an overview of the Medicare payment system. Effective October 2019 the model will move from a PPS to PDPM model changing how facilities are reimbursed. The PPS system is based on therapy minutes or nursing time. The PDPM system will be based on diagnosis and payments will decrease on day 20. The proposed payment process is to be budget neutral. Oellerich commented that information was received that the Medicaid payments will be increasing 4.99%. The new PDPM (Payment Driven Payment Model) system will be based on the admitting diagnosis with the hospital stay dictating the nursing home diagnosis.
11	**Chairman's Report** – Bruce Paull, Chair, reported on that HeART surveys were out and survey returns are showing more people are logging on to complete the survey and not many paper surveys have been returned to date.
12	**Administrator Report** – Jim Raab reported that the July average census was 48.6 and the average census for 2018 is 50.3. There were 13 referrals in July with 2 admitted, 7 denied, 2 lost to other facilities; 1 out of network and 1 unknown. Recently, Bloomfield submitted application to Physician Plus Network to be a provider. The payer mix for July showed 52% Medicaid; 24% private pay and 8% Medicare A. Paull inquired about a two-assist CBRF facility, serving residents with greater needs taking all lifts and staffing differently than other CBRF facilities. Deal commented on the possibility of getting employees from other facilities. Raab talked about the hospice room and possible respite patients. Raab will put a hospice room proposal together for the new Administrator. Raab also mentioned the TV system at Bloomfield is outdated and there are options to update with additional local channels. This item will be put on the next month's agenda.
13	**Business at next Bloomfield Commission meeting.** Items to be put on the next agenda include: Gov. Dodge room; Resolution modifying the number of beds licensed and the Campbell fund regarding the TV system.
14	**Next meeting date**. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 18 at 1:30 p.m.
15	**Adjournment.** Motion by Jinkins to adjourn. Motion second by Deal. Aye: 5; Nay: 0. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.