



Approved Minutes
Senior Living 2020 Committee
Tuesday, January 7, 2020 – 4:30PM
Health and Human Services Center – Room 1001
303 W. Chapel Street
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Any subject on this agenda may become an action item unless otherwise noted.

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| 1 | Call to order. Committee Chair Meyers called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. |
| 2 | <p>Roll Call:</p> <p>Members Present: John Meyers, Judy Lindholm, Dave Gollon, Bruce Paull, and Steve Deal.</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Others Present: Larry Bierke, Valerie Hiltbrand, Dan Nankee, Jim Griffiths, and Mel Masters.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Agenda of 01/07/20:</p> <p>Lindholm <u>moved</u>, Paull seconded to approve the agenda of January 7, 2020. Motion carried.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Minutes of 12/19/19:</p> <p>Paull <u>moved</u>, Deal seconded to approve the minutes of December 19, 2019. Motion carried with Gollon Abstaining.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the Committee. No action will be taken: Griffiths thanked the committee for caring so much about him and his wife, given her recent illness.</p> <p>Hiltbrand spoke to let the Committee know that she was seeing a few trends in senior care. She noted that several nursing home closures were occurring throughout the state and that a local home in Mineral Point and Muscoda were in receivership. The growing lack of care giver staff was another major issue. Hiltbrand also pointed out that many of those in need of care were suffering from greater chronic health conditions that often included mental health issues.</p> <p>Paull noted that people were staying at home longer and going to nursing homes later in life. He felt that a CBRF or a 2 Assist facility were able to handle more people that were formerly living in Nursing Homes.</p> <p>Hiltbrand noted that the goal is to always provide the least restrictive housing with the right amount of care. Nankee expressed support for what the Committee was doing and encouraged them to “Stay the Course”.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Update on Proposed CMS Rule: Bierke reported that that he had submitted the Resolution, Position Statement, and CMS Summary onto the CMS Comments website, mailed copies to Sen. Johnson's Office, Sen. Baldwin's Office, Rep. Pocan's Office, and the Health and Human Services Secretary. Meyers added that he met with Sen. Johnson's office this morning and gave him the letter and packet Larry drafted. Meyers noted that we wouldn't have this problem if Medicaid wasn't so underfunded.</p> <p>Lindholm asked if an organization called "Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network" could get involved in advocacy in opposition to the CMS Rule. "ARP" may also be a good organization.</p> |

7	Alternative Options if CMS Rule Limits Merger: Bierke distributed the list of options that were being asked of WIPFLI to evaluate. The Committee reviewed the options and discussed at length a variety of other options. There did not appear to be a consensus. Gollon noted that he preferred a variation of option #5. Lindholm felt that with the changing rules, that Iowa County should consider building our own facility. Meyers suggested that we replace the IGT aid with an annual subsidy from the hospital and county when/if the IGT aid is restricted and unavailable.
8	Closed Session: Lindholm <u>moved</u> , Paull seconded to go into closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. To discuss an investment of county funds relative to nursing home merger with Upland Hills Health. Motion included having Bierke and County Supervisors in the room remain for the discussion. Motion carried at 5:38 PM.
9	Open Session: Lindholm <u>moved</u> , Deal seconded to return to open session. Motion carried at 7:09 PM.
10	Action as a Result of Closed Session Discussion: Lindholm <u>moved</u>, Paull seconded to remove #2 from the list of options requested of WIPFLI. Motion carried. Paull <u>moved</u>, Lindholm seconded to remove #3 from the list of options request of WIPFLI. Motion carried. Bierke noted that we are hiring WIPFLI in partnership with Upland Hills Health and that these options will likely need to be further discussed with them at our January 30th meeting.
11	Next Meeting Date: January 30, 2020 at 3:00 PM
13	Adjourn: Deal <u>moved</u> , Lindholm seconded to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:15 PM.