



PORTAGE COUNTY

PCHCC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM 1 & 2

1462 STRONGS AVENUE

STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

5:00 PM

1. REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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Face coverings are required for in-person attendance unless an exemption applies.

2. CALL TO ORDER (5:00 PM)

Members Present: D. RAABE, M. JOHNSON, M. NEVILLE, N. MOUA AND R. RESER

The meeting was called to order by Chair M. Johnson. Members Moua, Raabe and Reser attended remotely.

3. PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. [21-2874](#) JANUARY 20, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Documents: [2021.01.20 DRAFT.PDF](#)

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SPECIAL MEETINGS (PORTAGE COUNTY ORDINANCE 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETING ATTENDANCE
- APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS
- SPECIAL MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS

No action.

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION RE: REGIONALIZATION WITH NORTH CENTRAL HEALTH CARE

A conference call was held with Clifton Larson Allen, North Central Health Care, Committee members D. Raabe and Chair M. Johnson, Portage County Executive, Finance Director, Human Resource Director and Portage County Health Care Administration. The intent was to discuss collaboration. A SharePoint site was established for the sharing of information. County Executive C. Holman will contact the IT department to see if the PCHCC Committee members will have access to the SharePoint.



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8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION RE: SELLING PCHCC FACILITY AND LICENSED BEDS

Administrator M. McDonald provided an overview of the requirements to close a facility. There are federal and state regulations on the change of ownership. There are specific documents that must be filed. The regulations are to protect resident rights. Michael Peer, Principal at Clifton, Larson, Allen (CLA) provided additional information on closure requirements. He stated that the regulations are to protect the residents. The federal regulations require that the Medicare certification be voluntarily terminated. The Division of Quality Assurance in Wisconsin must be notified. Form CMS-855a must be filed with CMS. The termination date must be first day of a month and CMS may reset the termination date not more than six months after the date of notice to CMS. The public must be notified through local newspaper before the termination date. Wisconsin regulations state that the bed license cannot be sold but a joint venture would be possible. A licensure change plan must be filed. A life safety survey would be required prior to license change. Residents and families would receive a 30-day written notice if more than five residents will be displaced.

M. Peer provided an overview of the strategic alternatives: close campus, renovate or build new, regionalization, management or partner, or sell to external party. M. Peer said that there may be a timeline attached to operating in our current facility, due to possible COVID regulation requirements. There are two areas to focus on when selling; the value of the building, the value of the operating business. The estimated demand for skilled nursing beds in 2025 is 88 beds. Another facility is currently licensed for 60 beds. This leaves 28 residents that may have to leave the County for services. M. Peer said that if a facility is planning to close, the facility would decrease their census to prepare for resident transfers.

Several questions and comments were provided. Will the private sector not meet the needs of the 28 residents? The existing facility could increase their bed license or another facility could enter the market. Can a joint venture be short-term or long-term? It could be either. How confident are you in your CLA projections? M. Peer said he was very confident in the model they use for projections. What is the difference between regionalization and a management company? The County would maintain the financial risk with regionalization. The management company would assume some financial risk. Are we losing focus on our goal of providing skilled nursing care if we are adding assisted living? Do we need outside management to run our own facility if we construct a new building? Comments: Currently private owned facilities in Portage County have lower star ratings than PCHCC and residents may choose to leave the county for their services; the referendum gave us the answer that PCHCC should remain County owned; the previous Request for Proposal (RFP) was a bad process. J. Jossie clarified that the RFP was for the management of the HCC, not for selling the HCC.

The HCC Committee members would like more information on two paths: regionalization and management or partnership options. Administration was asked to provide selling parameters or variables for selling. Committee member suggestions are to research divestment before we eliminate that as an option. Research construction of a new building and maintain current management to run the facility.

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION RE: RESOLUTION ALLOCATING U.S. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES "PERFORMANCE PAYMENTS" TO SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES AS BONUS PAYMENTS TO HEALTH CARE CENTER EMPLOYEES

There has been no additional information on the usage of the funding. Executive C. Holman will ask for Legal Counsel opinion if bonus pay is in the scope of the guidance. This will be available for the next meeting.

10. **21-2876** BONUS PAY RESOLUTION

Documents:

[BONUS PAY RESOLUTION OF 01152021.PDF](#)

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

February 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in Annex Conference Room 1 & 2.



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13. **ADJOURNMENT (6:40 PM)**

A motion was made by Member D. Raabe, seconded by M. Neville, to approve adjournment. Motion carried.

14. **NOTICES**

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Notice: A quorum of the Portage County Board of Supervisors, or any committee thereof, may be present at this meeting.