



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

HEALTH CARE CENTER COMMITTEE

PORTAGE COUNTY ANNEX
CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 & 2
1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

5:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:06 P.M. by Vice Chair D. Jankowski.

Members attending in-person: D. Jankowski, G. Hakala, S. Przybylski

Members attending on-line: V. Mirresse, M. Hemmrich

Members absent: None

Members excused: None

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 19, 2023

A motion was made by S. Przybylski, seconded by G. Hakala to approve the minutes from July 19, 2023. The motion carried on a voice vote with no negative votes.

REPORTS

2. Chairperson

V. Mirresse provided an overview from the County Board meeting regarding the resolution to reduce the number of licensed beds at PCHCC. The County Board recommended to send this agenda item back to the PCHCC Committee to gather additional information.

3. Administrator

M. McDonald, NHA, welcomed our new Committee member, Mr. Hemmrich. McDonald said that as we end the COVID-19 pandemic we will move into Infection Prevention precautions. We continue to remain 5-star rated and citation free. The occupancy is 26.4 in July 2023. Many referrals are of a younger age with multiple comorbidities and addictions. The transition to Dr. Hahn as Medical Director, was successful. We are working with our Medical Director and Aspirus Hospital for community outreach. McDonald said that we will be increasing the private pay daily rate on October 1, 2023. We are approaching flu season. Vaccinations will be available soon. We are obtaining more information on the availability of the RSV vaccine. McDonald contacted two people regarding the decertification of bed licenses. The Facilities Department has been assisting with air conditioner and dishwasher repair. The length of time to receive a new air conditioner is estimated at 9 months. Human Resources have been helpful with recruitment. We have been receiving a steady flow of applications and will be reviewing an LPN application soon.

4. Business Manager

- Vendor Invoice List
 - CoolSys- air conditioner repairs
- Financial Reports
- 2024 Budget

L. Lingford, Business Manager, provided an overview of the proposed 2024 budget. The budget will be based on a census of 32. There has been an increase in the Medicaid reimbursement rates. The budget includes expenses for temporary employment, if needed. The state assessment fee for bed licenses is calculated at 48 licensed beds. Medical supplies include additional expense for Enhanced Barrier Precautions. Washable gowns are currently being used but we may need to change to disposable gowns. Lingford provided an overview of the capital purchases. The budget report shows the \$4.5 Million in general property tax levy. The tax levy amount needed is approximately \$2.3 Million, prior to any changes made during the budget review meeting scheduled for Monday, August 21st with Finance and County Executive.

5. County Executive

J. Pavleski, County Executive, referenced a recent Wisconsin Counties article. Washington County is facing similar circumstances with their skilled nursing facility. That facility has staffing shortages, low Medicaid reimbursements, an old building and financial deficits. Washington County is looking to sell their facility. Pavleski said that maintaining the 48 bed licenses may be beneficial if we chose to sell the facility. The licenses may have financial value to a potential buyer. Pavleski said he has been contacted by two companies that are interested in purchasing the health care center. He said that conditions, such as requiring the percentage of Medicaid residents, or retaining staff at their current salaries and benefits, could be part of a sales agreement.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Discussion/Possible Action: Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- Request for special meeting attendance
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
- Special meeting attendance reports

None.

7. Discussion/Possible Action: Regarding Timeline For April 2024 Referendum

PCHCC staff created a timeline. The timeline shows the task and due dates needed for a referendum to be placed on the April 2, 2024 election. The Department of Revenue needs to review and approve the referendum question. The resolution for the referendum question would need to be approved by several committees and the County Board. Staff will contact Pepper and Tegra to see how much time will be needed to update the building cost projection.

8. Discussion/Possible Action: Regarding Retaining An Independent Consultant To Update The Original Master Financial Model For Continuing Operation Costs

A motion was made by V. Miresse, seconded by S. Przybylski to retain Clifton, Larson, Allen, (CLA) as an independent consultant to update the original master financial model for continuing operation costs. The motion carried on a voice vote with no negative votes.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

9. September 28, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in Annex Conference Rooms 1 & 2

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by G. Hakala, seconded by S. Przybylski to adjourn at 6:02 P.M. The motion carried on a voice vote with no negative votes.

NOTICES