

Gracedale Advisory Board
March 14, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Deborah DeNardo, J.D, LuAnn Vogel, Marianne Schweitzer, James Irwin, MaryAnn McEvoy

Members Absent: Lori Vargo Heffner, Susan Lawrence, Maryann Schmoyer

Public Present: Jack D'Allessandro, Craig Gardner, Valerie Makula, Kirsten Kutza, Aimee Weber, Candace Fairchild, Robert Werner, Sandra O'Brien- Werner

Staff Present: Becky Bartlett, Amy Kahler, Jennifer Stewart-King, Bryan Dunlap, Roseann Plebani, Kirby Freeman

Call to Order/Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by James Irwin. He extended a welcome to the visitors.

Approval of May's Minutes:

A motion was made by Deborah DeNardo and seconded by LuAnn Vogel to accept the minutes from the February meeting. Motion carried.

Courtesy of the Floor:

V. Makula advised she has been watching County Council and staff feel they are not getting answers to their questions. Would like to know what the process is to determine staffing, the floors are extremely understaffed. How long will it be till positions are filled and also exactly how many positions are available? How is the Electronic Health Record system going to improve falls and pressure ulcers?

J. Irwin advised majority of these questions are not pertain to the Advisory Board and indicated that she should request a Labor Management Meeting, but opened it to Jennifer if she would like to respond.

B. Dunlap indicated that the current census is 675 with a PPD of 3.5. Staff average for February was 3.4. We currently meet state regulation. Census is calculated by the total census and hours of care. V. Makula indicated that this should not be based on 8 hours of care from a Nurse as with breaks/lunch are taken. B.Dunlap advised that care does not totally stop for that time frame. He also indicated that the actual state minimum is 2.7.

J. Stewart-King advised that the new EHR will assist the Nurses in not having to double or triple document. Everything will work together and update information within. As soon as the resident is admitted the system will start working in updating all information.

J. D'Allessandro advised that years back when his wife was a resident here that the DON would come to the floors and when she would see CNA's and other workers talking or interacting with Residents and their families they would be reprimanded, and he does not think that is appropriate. J. Stewart-King indicated that is not the case and we are moving to have our staff interact with families/residents more.

Chair Report:

J. Irwin discussed the By-Laws and the changes. We read out loud all of the changes and voted one by one if in agreement with change. There was some talk if we needed someone from Area of Aging on the Board. J. Irwin indicated that if they apply they may submit and go by the same process as other members requesting to be on the board.

J. Irwin made a motion to accept By-Laws was made by D. DeNardo and second by L. Vogel. B. Bartlett will provide to solicitor's office March 15, 2019 and then A. Kahler will submit to County Council for approval.

D. DeNardo said good bye and that she enjoyed being on board. Indicated that she might attend as a member of the public.

Director of Human Services Report:

None.

Gracedale Administrator's Report:

Census is at 662. February average patient PPD is 3.41. Cost per resident for January is \$256.00 per day per resident, we are currently waiting on February numbers to be finalized. Medicare A's monthly average is \$462.98 and monthly room and board is \$369.23.

Admissions we are currently looking at 142 inquiries, 33 admissions, and 43 discharges for the month of February.

Wounds for the month, we have a total of 92: In house were 29, upon admissions were 7, and acquired at the hospital are 5. 21 of those wounds are healed, 17 were expired/discharged, which gave us a total of 54 wounds at the end of the month.

Total number of infections at the end of the month are 87, 3 of which were present on admission, and 26 required reporting.

353 total incidents were reported, of those 169 were falls.

Department of Health visited our facility twice and both times were unsubstantiated. We also had the re-visit and they have closed our Survey. Which means we are currently in compliance.

Current Nursing Staff vacancies consist of (FTE's): 88.4-CNA, 30.9- LPN, 36.2- RN, 6.7- Dietary, 3- Laundry, 2.1- Housekeeping. We had a total of 11 new hires and 16 terminations which some were Per Diems that did not show for required shifts.

Next Meeting:

J. Irwin reminded Advisory Board members that the next meeting will be held on April 11, 2019, at 4:30 PM.

A motion was made by L. Vogel and seconded by D. DeNardo to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy E. Kahler