

Gracedale Advisory Board
November 8, 2018
Minutes

Members Present: Lori Vargo Heffner, Susan Lawrence, Maryann Schmoyer, LuAnn Vogel, Marianne Schweitzer

Members Absent: Deborah DeNardo, J.D., Rosemarie Fehr, James Irwin, MaryAnn McEvoy, Kenneth Sun, MD.

Public Present:

Staff Present: Becky Bartlett, Raymond Soto, Jennifer Stewart-King, Amy Kahler

Call to Order/Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by L. Vargo Heffner.

Approval of October's Minutes:

A motion was made by S. Lawrence and seconded by L. Vargo Heffner to accept the minutes from the October meeting. Motion carried.

Courtesy of the Floor:

By Guests: B. Bartlett inquired about how it worked with the construction and voting on Tuesday? Advised that the parking lot was open and besides the normal hard to find parking there were no issues. Also inquired about the generators and when they will be up and running. J. Stewart-King advised that they will be tested in 2 weeks and up and running starting December 1.

By Board Members: A member asked how many floors do not have a Charge Nurse assigned to the floor. Advised there are 2 that definitely do not have a charge nurse.

M. Schweitzer, introduced herself and asked if we could all introduce ourselves.

It was asked if we could have some pictures of the Halloween Dinner printed and presented at County Council Meeting. Amy will request pictures.

Chair Report:

None.

Director of Human Services Report:

None.

Gracedale Administrator's Report:

Admissions is above budget. The medicare revenue increased from 29.6 to 36.7. Our CMI is

down a bit but will increase once some of our assessments are done that have not been on new admits. Our cost per resident is down a little from last month along with our Medicare reimbursement due to having a large number of resident with a lot of pain.

In Nursing are budget is currently at 3.28, and we continue to hire. Overtime is up a bit. We are in the process of meeting with Unions to do negotiations and see if we can change requirements for per diems. We are working against some other facilities do to paying under the average in the area. There is no turn over in our RN status, we have not had any RN's leave nor have we hired.

Department of Health Surveyor did come in on a complaint and found it to be insignificant. We are currently in our open window to have our survey done, but they have not come to our facility yet.

Quality Measures have been slightly increased. Increase in antipsychotic use. We are working with physicians/pharmacy to try to get the use of these lowered. We have been decreasing our amount of wounds. A member of the board inquired if there is an audit of wounds done. We are currently working on having an audit done from the beginning when the resident is brought in until they receive a wound and follow up on that injury. Once this information is collected it is reported at the QAPI meeting. The Risk Manager is currently compiling the data.

Our sick callouts have increased.

Currently we are at a 2 star rating, Staffing is at a 3 star rating, Quality Measures is at a 3 star, we are currently 6 points away from moving to a 3 star rating.

J. Stewart-King reported that we are currently also having a shortage in our dietary department. We are currently working with Sodexo to try to have employees hired.

We are also working on our computer system Cantata and seeing if it would be worth us switching to make things a little easier on staff and have all of our systems work together.

Behavioral Health Program is meeting on the 20th of this month to review and will go live on December 1. Med Options is not in network but those residents can be seen by Haven House's outpatient facilities. There has been no feedback yet, but all staff from Haven House and some staff from Gracedale have had positive thoughts.

Other Business:

The following was voted today:

Chair will now be Lori Vargo Heffner

Vice Chair will remain Maryann McEvoy

Secretary will be Susan Lawrence

A motion was made by M. Schmoyer and seconded by S. Lawrence.

It was also voted that letters be sent to Rosemarie Fehr and Kenneth Sun, MD, as they have not been present at the last 3 consecutive meetings.

A member inquired about how the Halloween Trick or Treat went. J. Stewart-King advised that it was fantastic and residents really enjoyed dressing up and participating with handing out candy. We had approximately 120 children come by. We also had a little parade. The Halloween dinner was enjoyed and residents talked about how good the food was and also how the cafeteria was decorated so well.

The Gardens were spruced up and will take place again in the Spring.

We will also be participating in the Christmas in Nazareth Day which is 12/10/18. There will be vendors present along with the Snow Dogs to take pictures with. Also this year the Staff will be offered a Christmas Dinner on 12/18/18, this is offered to all 3 shifts.

It was inquired about the complaint that was received at last months' meeting, if the family is happy now. R. Soto advised that the meeting did take place with all present and everyone seems to be satisfied at this point.

J. Stewart-King also advised that the Director of Nursing continues to work on 3-11 Staffing and the communication.

Next Meeting:

It was voted to cancel December 13, 2018 Advisory Board Meeting. A motion was made by S. Lawrence and seconded M. Schmoyer.

L. Vargo Heffner reminded Advisory Board members that the next meeting will be held January 10, 2019 at 4:30 PM. If there is inclement weather, Amy will contact everyone by 1:00/2:00pm that day indicating that the meeting will be cancelled.

A motion was made by L. Vogel and seconded by M. Schmoyer to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy E. Kahler