

Gracedale Advisory Board  
October 11, 2018  
Minutes

Members Present: Deborah DeNardo, J.D., Lori Vargo Heffner, Maryann Schmoyer, LuAnn Vogel, James Irwin

Members Absent: Susan L. Lawrence, Rosemarie Fehr, MaryAnn McEvoy, Kenneth Sun, MD

Public Present: Joanna Kelhart

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

**Call to Order/Welcome:**

The meeting was called to order by J. Irwin, Chair.

**Courtesy of the Floor:**

By Guests: Joanna Kelhart introduced herself and advised that she was here on behalf of Terri Yankus, whom sister, Susan Yankus is a resident at Gracedale. Joanna expressed how Terri needs assistance and she is not getting help from Staff at Gracedale about the care and needs her sister is getting. A letter, and a list of concerns were handed to R. Soto, A. Kahler, J. Stewart-King advising of the numerous concerns of Terri's. She is very concerned about her friends and that Susan is getting the best care that she can have. R. Soto indicated that if Terri would like a meeting in person that he has no problem contacting her and setting this up ASAP. Also indicated that the resident in her room was relocated to another floor. Joanna indicated that she usually does attend the care conferences either in person or by phone. They just wanted to speak with someone as they have noticed this pattern since June or July and wanted to know if something has changed. Also brought up the incident about bed bugs and how does this happen if she does not leave the facility. Advised it was an isolated incident and we took the necessary pro-cautions. Indicated that they could have been brought in by anyone, or on anything.

By Board Members: A member is excited about the Trick or Treat this weekend, but wanted to verify if the weather is not cooperative what will happen. J. Stewart-King advised that Trick or Treat will take place no matter the weather. If it is ugly outside Trick or Treat will be moved inside.

A member asked how staffing was. R. Soto indicated we are currently .5 over budget for September. Staffing is improving due to higher quantities in orientations classes. Indicated that there were glitches on the State's end for issuing LPN's their Temporary Practice Permits, but hopefully they will be working that out and we will be contacting them to schedule interviews. We are looking at increasing staffing numbers on Tower units especially on 3-11 shift.

D. Denardo- voiced her concerns as she is guardian of residents, that when she does call on 3-11 shift it is hard for her to receive answers about issues/concerns. J.Stewart-King advised we are trying very hard and doing anything we can to have full orientation classes and awarding only 3-11 shift if possible.

**Chair Report:**

None

**Director of Human Services Report:**

None

**Gracedale Administrator's Report:**

None

**Other Business:**

L. Vargo-Heffner- asked just to verify that a meeting or something will be set up with the family member that has the concerns. Advised that we will be contacting her ASAP to have that meeting set up. Lori reminded everyone again, for the next meeting, we should really come with what we expect or would like to happen at the meeting and what the focus is. Also redefine members and their duties on the board.

Asked by members if we can contact/reach out to Rosemary Fehr to see if she would still like to participate on the Board.

J.Irwin- Advised as long as we have a quorum we will be voting.

Members voiced how we need to recruit or suggest to have more members so we have a board so we are able to vote at meeting and it does not need to be pushed off.

**Next Meeting:**

J. Irwin reminded Advisory Board members that the next meeting will be held on November 8 2018, at 4:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy E. Kahler