

VALLEY HI COMMITTEE
McHenry County Administration Building
667 Ware Road
Woodstock IL 60098

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2010

Chairman Dvorak called the Valley Hi Committee meeting to order at 8:30a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Ed Dvorak; Marc Munaretto; James Kennedy; Kathleen Bergan Schmidt and John Hammerand. James Heisler and Mary McCann arrived at 8:31a.m. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; and Tom Annarella, Valley Hi Administrator.

Ed Dvorak, Chairman	
John Hammerand	James Heisler
James Kennedy	Mary McCann
Marc Munaretto	Kathleen Bergan Schmidt

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the minutes of May 13, 2010. Mr. Munaretto made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schmidt to recommend approval of the above minutes as submitted. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Mr. Heisler and Ms. McCann arrived at 8:31a.m.

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Chairman Dvorak requested the financial report provided prior to beginning the interviews. Mr. Annarella stated that the Medicare census is climbing. The facility is working to clear out a wing in order to create a wing for the rehab to home unit. This creates a higher rate of reimbursement for the facility. The overall the census will drop until the short turn rehab unit is up and running. The resident Medicare patients will remain in their own rooms. Committee members were informed that all residents are "screened" prior to inclusion into the facility. These costs are minimal. 16 beds will be set aside for the rehab unit with the four remaining Medicare beds being filled by long term residents. The long term residents will complete rehab in their own rooms.

Committee requested Mr. Annarella either remove the sign on the corner of Ware Road and Route 47 or remove it as it is falling down.

Mr. Annarella stated they are looking to create a job for a marketing community liaison. This person would visit area hospitals, orthopedic physicians and physical therapist looking for placement for rehab patients. They want to let everyone know of the availability of the therapy program at Valley Hi. It was noted they need to change the perception of the services offered at Valley Hi. The more intensive the therapy, the more reimbursement is received.

Committee members questioned if reimbursements are coming into Valley Hi in a timely manner. Mr. Annarella reported that they are still receiving their reimbursements no later than 30 – 60 days out. If the programs at the Federal and State levels change this could hurt Valley Hi. Mr. Annarella stated he is actively monitoring the issues being discussed at the State and Federal levels.

NEW BUSINESS

Valley Hi Operating Board Interviews: Committee members interviewed Jeffrey DeHaan, Dallas Larson, Peter Michling, Victor Narusis, Sheri Webster, Lynn Ryan, Pamela Shumway and Joanne Hanrahan for consideration for appointment to the Valley Hi Operating Board.

Committee members entered into a discussion regarding appointment of the Operating Board Members. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Munaretto made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann to recommend the appointments of Dallas Larson, Peter Michling, Victor Narusis, Lynn Ryan and Joanne Hanrahan to the Valley Hi Operating Board. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Hammerand, Heisler, Kennedy, McCann, Munaretto, Schmidt, Dvorak)

The next committee meeting will be held at Valley Hi. They will meet with the new Operating Board at that time. The Operating Board recommendations will be taken to the July morning meeting of the County Board for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

Approved 7.8.10

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann to adjourn the meeting at 11:02a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:

Recommend the appointment of Dallas Larson, Peter Michling, Victor Narusis, Lynn Ryan and Joanne Hanrahan to the Valley Hi Operating Board