

Sunny Acres Nursing Home & Countryside Estates
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2023

Location: Menard County Courthouse Second Floor Court Room

Meeting Facilitator: John Hurley

Chairperson: Emily Schirding

Secretary: Tim Hurie

Attendees: Interim Administrator John Hurley, Countryside Estates Manager Tracy Suehring, Advisory Board Members Emily Schirding, Angie Fletcher, John Whitehurst, Steve Territo, Josh Gronewold, Tim Hurie, County Commissioners Rich Brauer, Troy Cummings, Bob Lott, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, Heritage Director of Business Operation Steven Hart, Heritage Director of Operations Janetta Strabala, Director of Heritage Facility Operations Robert Haerr

1. Discussion

- a) Janetta spoke concerning agency use. She said agency use cost \$114,000 in February.
- b) Steven Hart explained that food costs were down in February. He said that there was \$125,000 in stimulus revenue which clouds the bottom line because that revenue stream is temporary and will go away. There may be one more stimulus payment in late May or early June. If stimulus money were not figured into the bottom line the facility operated at a loss. Medicare days were down in February but the biggest concern was agency use expense. A key factor in profitability is using less agency and hiring competent permanent staff.
- c) John Hurley spoke to that concern. A 15% increase for RN's and LPN's was proposed and passed to increase RN's from \$33.00 to \$36.00 an hour and LPN's from \$26.00 to \$30.00 an hour. In addition John stated and Troy agreed that the IMRF program "is a very good opportunity" and gives Sunny a "competitive advantage" over our competition when explained correctly to prospective hires. Dara stated that "It is one of the best funded programs there is." John emphasized that RN's and LPN's are "vital" to any facility. To that end Sunny needs two full time and one part time RN's and three full time and two part time LPN's per shift. John said the February daily census for Sunny was 84 and that a beautician had been hired.
- d) Dara was hopeful that painting would take place at Countryside "next week." May 1st is the target date for move in at Countryside Estates and that it would most likely take two weeks.
- e) Robert gave an update on the shower situation at Sunny. He shared that one shower was ready for use and that a second shower would be ready the following week. A third shower would be updated after that. Robert said that Young's Security had secured the bid for security and monitoring at Countryside Estates. A key fob system will be used. He said the fire alarm system is up and running, the heating and cooling systems are a go and the need to keep a substitute system in case of malfunction. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on April 25, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Hurie, Secretary of the Board