

**Winnebago County Board
River Bluff Board of Directors Meeting**
River Bluff Health & Rehabilitation
4401 North Main Street, Finch Room
Rockford, IL 61103

Tuesday, May 20, 2025
3:00 PM

Present:

John Butitta
Jay Ferraro
Teresa Gobeli
Lowell Ingram
Jim Knutson
Bernice Marinelli (arrived at 3:04 pm)
Bob Nieman

Others Present:

Patrick Thompson, Winnebago County Administrator
Steve Schultz, Winnebago County Chief Financial Officer
Laura Schaffer, Administrator, River Bluff Health & Rehabilitation
Laura Doise, Asst. Administrator, River Bluff Health & Rehabilitation
Maggie Lewis, HR Representative, River Bluff Human Resources

Absent:

Frank Perrecone, Chairperson
Tim Delany

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of April 15, 2025 Minutes
- D. Public Comment– This is the time we invite the public to address the River Bluff Health & Rehabilitation Board with issues and concerns. We ask you to limit your comments to three minutes. Personal attacks or inappropriate language of any sort will not be tolerated. We will allow a maximum of five speakers on a first come basis with sign-up at the meeting. Speakers may not address zoning matters which are pending before the ZBA, the Zoning Committee, or the County Board. Personnel matters or pending or threatened litigation may not be addressed in open session. An individual may speak a maximum of three times per calendar year on the same topic. This prohibition shall include the repetition of the same topic in a statement on what is purported to be a different topic. After acknowledgment by the Chairman, please stand and state your name. Thank you.
- E. River Bluff Auxiliary Presentation
- F. Discussion Item – Administrators Report (Laura Schaffer)
 1. Census
- G. Discussion Item – Financial Report (Steve Schultz)
 1. Financial Statements (see attachment)
- H. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
- I. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation
- J. Other Matters
- K. Adjournment

Call to Order

Mr. Butitta called the River Bluff Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Knutson yes, Mr. Butitta yes, Mr. Ferraro yes, Ms. Gobeli yes, Mr. Nieman yes, Mr. Ingram yes.

A quorum is present.

Approval of April 15, 2025 Minutes

Mr. Butitta called for a motion to approve the April 15, 2025, minutes.

Motion: Mr. Butitta. Second: Mr. Knutson.

Mr. Butitta called for any discussion, corrections, or additions.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Mr. Butitta omitted reading the Public Comment Section of the Agenda due to there being no one present to speak.

River Bluff Auxiliary Presentation

The River Bluff Auxiliary will present at the July meeting and make their presentations biannually.

Discussion Item – Administrators Report (Laura Schaffer)

1. Census

The census currently has 147 residents, 121 Medicaid, 4 on Medicare Part A, 26 private pay, and 28 hospice residents. Managed Care Replacement is at 33.

Referrals

There were 25 referrals in April, 14 of which were admitted. Additionally, there were seven discharges in April. There were two admissions this week and four on hold.

Grievances/Complaint Surveys

There were no complaint surveys from the previous month. With IDPH, there was one self-reportable, but it resulted in no follow-up surveys. There were no abuse complaints or investigations. IDPH accepted the Plan of Correction for the annual health survey, and the facility is in compliance. Ms. Schaffer reviewed “tags” and issues that Life Safety found that resulted in Plans of Correction for each building.

Ms. Marinelli arrived at 3:04 p.m.

CMS Star Rating

As of May 1, the facility has received a CMS one-star rating, and staffing is at a four-star rating. Quality Measures and the 2024 Health Inspection have had an impact. Teams are improving issues cited in the Health Inspection and other quality measures. Ms. Schaffer reviewed the matters noted in the inspection and reviewed additional statistics.

Staffing

A Business Office Manager was hired and will begin next week. Ms. Lewis shared that there were 18 new hires and 18 terminations in April. A restorative nurse and four additional nurses are needed; two LPNs begin tomorrow.

Medicaid

Ms. Schaffer reviewed a reduction in traditional Medicaid rates based on the nursing rate, with the expectation that the rates will increase in the next quarter.

Call Light Update

The contract is under review with Legal and will be presented to the Operations and Administrative Committee on June 5 and the County Board on June 12.

Camera Project

The installation of the cameras has been completed, and they are operational but not in use yet. Before implementation, cameras are labeled by location, and policies are written.

Management Meeting

A management meeting was held with the hospice organizations that clarified issues effectively.

IDPH

The PPS second-round infection study was completed in April, 28 residents participated, and no infections were identified.

Monthly Operations

A Mother's Day lunch was organized for families, and celebrations for Nurses Week and Nursing Home Week. Ms. Schaffer participated in the Illinois Association of County Board Members with the Nursing Home Collaborative. Ms. Schaffer was invited to McHenry County for another collaborative meeting with LeadingAge, a nonprofit aging services provider.

Mr. Butitta reported a conversation with a representative from a solar panel company that is set to provide a quote for panels intended for River Bluff.

Discussion Item – Financial Report (Steve Schultz)

1. Financial Statements (see attachment)

Mr. Schultz reviewed the financial report and discussed the year-end budget projections for the fiscal year.

- Discussion followed.

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Motion: Mr. Butitta motioned for the election of Chairperson, Mr. Perrecone, and Vice Chairperson, Ms. Marinelli. Second: Mr. Nieman.

Mr. Butitta called for any discussion.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Other Matters

- None reported.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Butitta. Second: Mr. Knutson.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy K. Bleile
Executive Assistant