

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2024
3:00 PM

Present:

Jim Knutson, **Chairperson**
Frank Perrecone, **Vice Chairperson**
Trent Brass
John Butitta (left after approval of minutes)
Tim Delany
Bernice Marinelli (via Telephone)
Bob Nieman

Others Present:

Patrick Thompson, Winnebago County Administrator
Steve Schultz, Winnebago County Chief Financial Officer
Laura Schaffer, Administrator, River Bluff Health & Rehabilitation
Mary Ann Wigton, Office Manager, River Bluff Health & Rehabilitation
Laura Doise, Marketing, River Bluff Health & Rehabilitation
Thim Harris, Admission Specialist, River Bluff Health & Rehabilitation

Absent:

Jay Ferraro
Teresa Gobeli

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of February 20, 2024 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 acknowledgement by the Chairman, please stand and state your name. Thank you.
- E. Discussion Item – Administrators Report (Laura Schaffer)
 1. Census
 2. HMO Status
 3. Annual IDPH Survey Summary
 4. Referrals/Denials
- F. Discussion Item – Financial Report (Steve Schultz and Mary Ann Wigton)
 1. Financial Statements (see attachment)
- G. Election of New Officers – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
- H. Other Matters
- I. Adjournment

Call to Order

Chairperson Knutson called the meeting of the River Bluff Board of Directors to order at 3:00 pm.

Roll Call

Chairperson Jim Knutson yes, Frank Perrecone yes, John Butitta yes, Tim Delany yes, Bob Nieman yes, Trent Brass yes, Bernice Marinelli yes, via Telephone.

A quorum is present.

Chairperson Knutson called for a motion to include board member Bernice Marinelli in the meeting via Telephone.

Motion: Mr. Butitta. Second: Atty. Perrecone.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Bernice Marinelli was welcomed to the board meeting.

Election of New Officers – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Motion: Mr. Butitta made the motion to nominate Frank Perrecone, Vice-Chairperson to the position of Chairperson and Trent Brass to the position of Vice-Chairperson. Second: Mr. Nieman.

Chairperson Knutson called for any discussion.

- Discussion followed.

Mr. Butitta thanked Chairperson Knutson for his service as Chairperson. Mr. Thompson conveyed Chairman Chiarelli's, as well as the entire County Board's appreciation for Chairperson Knutson's leadership this past year.

The River Bluff Board unanimously passed the motion to elect Frank Perrecone, Vice-Chairperson as Chairperson. Vice Chairperson Frank Perrecone abstained.

The River Bluff Board unanimously passed the motion to elect Trent Brass as Vice-Chairperson.

River Bluff Transportation

Mr. Butitta gave an update on availability of transportation for River Bluff residents. Mr. Butitta reported Chairman Chiarelli contacted Para Transit who advised services are available. Service can be unreliable based on River Bluff's previous history with Para Transit. Mr. Butitta advised River Bluff's vehicle could be utilized short term. A suburban rural transit program is being initiated by the County that may be contracted for Winnebago County and possibly utilized by River Bluff beginning in 2025.

- Discussion followed.

Approval of February 20, 2024 Minutes

Motion: Mr. Knutson. Second: Mr. Nieman.

Chairperson Perrecone called for any discussion, corrections or additions.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Chairperson Perrecone omitted reading the Public Comment Section of the Agenda due to no one present to speak.

Discussion Item – Administrators Report (Laura Schaffer)

1. Census

The census was 143 in February 2024 current census is 142, 115 Medicaid, 19 Private Pay, 8 Medicare A, 24 of those are Hospice.

2. HMO Status

UHC started March 1, 2024, Aetna is in credentialing, still waiting for the BlueCross/BlueShield contract.

3. Annual IDPH Survey Summary
IDPH was on site for the unannounced Compliance and Licensing Annual Survey, March 5-7, 2024. Overall, the survey was successful and IDPH was very positive in their comments on improvements. The Life Safety and Emergency Preparedness Survey is expected within the next week as part of the Survey.
4. MDS
Ms. Schaffer shared the updated MDS reports and reviewed with board members.
5. Medicaid Reimbursement
The Medicaid Reimbursement comparison was shared with board members.
6. Referrals/Denials
Ms. Schaffer shared admits for the month, other details and directed board members to the report.
7. Call Light System
A quote was received for an upgrade after products were demonstrated. Ms. Schaffer is working with Purchasing on the bids.
8. Staffing
A report was given on staffing needs, current staffing and position control. A Job Fair was held March 6, 2024 with 7 new hires. The turnover rate remains low.
9. Culture
An Employee of the Month Recognition program started in March. There was a great turnout for the Easter Egg Hunt held Saturday, March 16, 2024. April 10, 2024, from 10-2 pm, a Spring Fling Open House event is scheduled.

Discussion Item – Financial Report (Steve Schultz and Mary Ann Wigton)

1. Financial Statements (see attachment)
Mr. Schultz directed the Board to the FY 2024 4-Month Actual in the Financial report and reviewed other components of the report.
 - Discussion followed.

Other Matters

- Dan Ross, Executive Director, Community Foundation – Creation of 501c3 Foundation

Adjournment

Chairperson Perrecone called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Nieman. Second: Mr. Brass.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Administrative Assistant