

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

Tuesday, November 21, 2023
3:00 PM

Present:

Jim Knutson, **Chairperson**
Frank Perrecone, **Vice Chairperson**
Trent Brass
John Butitta
Tim Delany
Teresa Gobeli
Bernice Marinelli
Bob Nieman

Others Present:

Patrick Thompson, County Administrator
Steve Schultz, Chief Financial Officer
Danielle Grindle, Communications Director
Laura Schaffer, Administrator, River Bluff Health & Rehabilitation

Absent:

Jay Ferraro

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of October 17, 2023 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
- F. Discussion Item – Communications/Marketing Report (Danielle Grindle)
- G. Discussion Item – Financial Report (Steve Schultz and Mary Ann Wigton)
 1. Updated Financial Statements (see attachment)
- H. River Bluff Foundation Discussion
- I. Other Matters
- J. Adjournment

Call to Order

Chairperson Knutson called the meeting of the River Bluff Board of Directors to order at 3:00 pm. Tim Delany was welcomed to the Board of Directors and gave a brief background

of his work and personal history. Trent Brass was congratulated on his new role as Emergency Services Management Coordinator with Winnebago County.

Roll Call

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

Approval of October 17, 2023 Minutes

Motion: Mr. Nieman. Second: Atty. Perrecone.

Chairperson Knutson called for any discussion, corrections or additions.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

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

Other Matters

Medicare Advantage Plans Alternate Options – Discussion took place regarding Medicare Advantage Plans and the financial concerns associated with the plans. Several board members met to discuss the Medicare Advantage Plans and what alternative options could be utilized at River Bluff. A plan is proposed for the Admissions team to work with incoming clients and family to set up services and transition/discharge plans to ensure costs are covered while continuing care to the patient.

- Discussion followed.

Ms. Schaffer will report at the next meeting how many clients are utilizing Medicare Advantage Plans.

Discussion Item – Administrators Report (Laura Schaffer)

1. Census

Current census 139, October average daily census 146, 8 admissions in October. There were 9 discharges, and 6 referrals.

2. HMO Status

The Humana contract is signed with a start date of December 19. Credentialing is complete with Aetna, BlueCross BlueShield and United Healthcare. BlueCross BlueShield is updating language in their contract, UHC wanted clarification on services provided but the contract will be ready next week. The contracts are 3-year contracts.

3. Quality

Statistics were provided for quality measurements.

4. Therapy and Restorative

Long term care residents are benefiting from the new therapy company that began services in October 2023. There were 61 residents who attended the restorative gym. A total of 192 programs were held with therapy residents in October.

5. Staffing

A successful Job Fair was held November 8, 2023. Management is working with Human Resources to fill the open positions.

A contract with Rock Valley College is being negotiated for CNA and Nursing students to do their clinicals at River Bluff.

6. Activities

Halloween Trick or Treat had more than 150 trick or treaters. Thanksgiving dinner with entertainment is scheduled with over 30 families who have already RSVP'd. Christmas

includes The Giving Tree for residents and two other groups offered to provide gifts to the residents. A Breakfast with Santa is scheduled December 16, 2023.

7. MDS

Medicare and Medicaid meetings are held weekly. PDPM scores are reviewed and staff discuss items that will increase scores.

8. Business Office

Baker Tilly conducted a preliminary audit. The Admissions Team is meeting December 5 to discuss the workflow process and reassign some positions. Staff met with Pro Com Systems to discuss options for the Call Light System.

Discussion Item – Communications/Marketing Report (Danielle Grindle)

Ms. Grindle discussed the updates in rebranding River Bluff to reflect the name change to River Bluff Health & Rehabilitation. Ms. Grindle shared a handout and reviewed statistics and social media metrics. A marketing campaign should be considered in spring 2024. The board asked for an analysis of platforms and costs involved. The recent Marketing plan will be updated and presented to board members.

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

- Updated Financial Statements (see attachment)

Mr. Schultz directed the Board to the Summary Page and the Financial Report and discussed financials through September 2023. The Baker Tilly Preliminary Audit and the Medicaid Audit Review were discussed. The open accounting position was discussed.

- Discussion followed.

River Bluff Foundation Discussion

A River Bluff Foundation exists with the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. Dan Ross, Executive Director of the Community Foundation will be invited to attend the January 2024 board meeting. The Illinois State’s Attorney will also be invited to attend a board meeting to discuss the Foundation.

- Discussion followed.

Other Matters

- Remote Meetings -A Zoom link for the January 2024 meeting will be set up for those unable to attend in person and sent in advance of the January 2024 meeting.

Adjournment

Chairperson Knutson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Nieman. Second: Mr. Butitta.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile

Administrative Assistant