

Golden Age Manor Governing Committee Meeting
March 26, 2007

Members Present: Gary Bergstrom, Eugene Sollman, Rodney Littlefield, Wayne Tomfohrde and Arthur Gamache

Others Present: Tonya Weinert, Jeff Fuge, Malia Malone, Ecumen Staff, Roxanne Malum, Larry Jepsen, Gary Taxdahl, Wendy Johnson and members of the public and members of the press.

G. Bergstrom called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

W. Tomfohrde made a motion to approve the agenda. A. Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

A. Gamache made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2007 meeting as sent out. W. Tomfohrde seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comments - were given by many members of the public.

Financial Report – after reviewing the financial report, R. Littlefield made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. A. Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Vouchers – the board review the voucher list as was sent out in their packets. R. Littlefield made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented.

W. Tomfohrde seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Ecumen Status Report and Consideration of Monitoring Phase – The Ecumen staff presented their report on the recommendations. After much discussion G. Sollman made a motion to delay the monitoring phase and to have the Finance Director, Human Resource Director, a staff person from Ecumen and Gary Taxdahl to meet and to come back to the Golden Age Manor board to move forward with a recommendation, by the June meeting. W. Tomfohrde seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Status Report on Winding Down/Continuity of Care Regarding Evergreen Assisted Living Services – J. Fuge stated that a 90 notice has been given to the Amery Housing Authority terminating the lease between Golden Age Manor and the Amery Housing Authority. J. Fuge stated that during the 90 days if the board wanted to rescind the decision to terminate the lease agreement that it could be rescinded.

Status of Payroll Issue – T. Weinert stated that the payroll issues were getting better and that they would like to see the payroll done by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday instead of 12:00 on Wednesday. R. Malum stated that she feels the issues are at a stand still, that they have not sat down and addressed each issue individual. The board strongly suggests that Golden Age and Tonya sit down and address the issues. The board discussed the time keeping system and after much discussion G. Sollman made a motion to direct

G. Taxdahl to pursue the investigation to purchase the necessary time keeping equipment to satisfy the needs of GAM and to confer with HR, Finance Director, IT and to see it fits the needs for everyone. W. Tomfohrde seconded the motion. G. Sollman made an amendment to the motion to have the committee report back to the board within 3 months and if more research is needed to complete the project and additional time will be authorized by the GAM board. W. Tomfohrde seconded the motion. The amendment to the motion carried by voice vote. The original motion passed by the voice vote.

Claims Against Golden Age Manor/Resolution to Disallow Claim of Heirs of Dorothy Grace Johnson – W. Tomfohrde made a motion to go into Closed Session 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel who will provide oral or written advice concerning strategy that the body will adopt by the

Golden Age Manor Board with respect to pending litigation in which Golden Age Manor Nursing Home is involved.

G. Sollman seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote. R. Littlefield made a motion to go into Open Session. A. Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote. R. Littlefield made a motion to deny the claim against Golden Age Manor.

W. Tomfohrde seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote. G. Sollman made a motion to disallow the claims by Dorothy Grace Johnson. R. Littlefield seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Leave of Absence – W. Tomfohrde made a motion to go into Closed Session 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering Leave of Absence and Compensation of a public employee over which the board exercises authority. G. Sollman seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote. R. Littlefield made a motion to go into Open session.

A. Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote. R. Littlefield made a motion to approve the LOA. G. Sollman seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel – G. Taxdahl reported that he would be attending the spring conference in May.

Budget – No action taken.

Golden Age Manor Accounting Functions Report/Recommended Actions – T. Weinert reported to the board that she was directed by the Finance committee to look at the accounting functions and to see if some functions could be consolidated. T. Weinert went over the report with the board and stated that at this time everything should remain the same.

GAM Vehicle's Purpose and Use – no action taken.

Grievances – G. Sollman made a motion to go into Closed Session 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. W. Tomfohrde seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote. R. Littlefield made a motion to go into Open Session.

A. Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote. A. Gamache made a motion to deny the grievance in recognition of past practice. R. Littlefield seconded the motion. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with R. Littlefield voting no.

Performance Evaluation – no action taken.

Administrator Report/Members Reports – were given.

Next Governing Committee Meeting will be April 26, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

G. Sollman made a motion for adjournment. A. Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Wayne Tomfohrde, Secretary
Recorded by Wendy Johnson