

**MINUTES FOR:
CASS COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY BOARD MEETING**

April 22, 2024 10:00 a.m.

In attendance: Jennifer Rentfrow (Board Chairperson), Vicki Vaughn (Board Vice-Chairperson), Jeff Carmen (Member), Linda Duchon (Interim Administrator), Jeremy Franks (Director of Finance), Rayann Franco (Recording Minutes).

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Rentfrow at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call: Members present – Jennifer Rentfrow, Vicki Vaughn, Jeff Carmen

Guests for Public Comment: Commissioner Mary Howie, Rie Shimada, Jodi Nestich, Patrick McQuone

Public comment: Public comment was made.

Additions/deletions to Agenda: None

Vicki Vaughn made the motion that the agenda be accepted as presented. Jeff Carmen supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Vicki Vaughn made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jeff Carmen supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The check register was reviewed. Jeff Carmen made the motion to approve the checks in the amount of \$286,710.81 and the direct payments of \$250,057.80. Vicki Vaughn supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jeff Carmen asked that a 12-month summary for the Village of Cassopolis bill along with any documentation on record as to the services that are being provided be presented to the board.

Rayann Franco and Linda Duchon explained that the IRS audit information was sent to the Congressman. The appeal process will begin soon regarding the ERC.

Rayann Franco provided a report for Corporate Compliance. There were four Corporate Compliance investigations. All reports were reviewed and approved by the consultant.

Rayann Franco stated that requests have been submitted to the Michigan Medical Care Facilities Council for grants related to improving the lives of residents.

Rayann Franco reported that CMS is proposing to update the net market base from 2018 to 2022. It is predicted that this will increase our revenue for Medicare A stays. The final rule will be out in August of 2024.

Rayann Franco stated that the proposed state budget will include the continuation of the Direct Care Workers reimbursement. The proposal allows the \$3.20 for nurses and CNA's to continue. The proposal allows for an increase from \$0.85 to \$1.70 for the other categories.

Linda Duchon reported that there were currently no staff or residents with COVID or influenza.

Linda Duchon reported that the state was in the building for a complaint survey on March 19. Areas of concern were professional standards, quality of care, accuracy of medical records. There was a resurvey on April 17. The state found that we were in compliance with our plan of correction. There was no civil monetary penalty instituted.

Linda Duchon reported that she had a phone call with Ms. Patel of LARA regarding the drug diversion case.

Linda Duchon stated that she attended the Joint Provider conference. The topic was culture change, making nursing homes more homelike and less institutional.

Jeff Carmen reported that he contacted eight national firms for the executive search, recruitment, and strategy for hiring a new Administrator. An email will be sent to each firm. Responses will be sent to Jennifer Rentfrow's email address. Jennifer Rentfrow will distribute information as she receives it from the firms.

Linda Duchon stated that new minimum staffing guidelines will be announced soon. The point system will be reviewed. There is currently no mandation system in place.


Linda Duchon reported that there is a new template being used for resident council minutes.

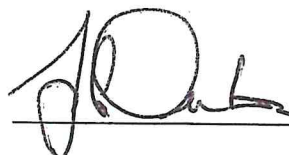
Jennifer Rentfrow stated that there is an opioid settlement funding opportunity throughout the county. Flyers will be posted at the facility.

Vicki Vaughn made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Carmen supported the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rayann Franco

 (Board Chairperson)

 (Administrator)