

Alaska Pioneer Home Advisory Board
January 26, 2016, 9:00 am
Teleconference

1) Called to order by chairman Sivertsen

In Attendance:

Bob Sivertsen, chair

Hollis Hall, Fairbanks

Bert Hall, Wasilla

Mary Shields, Anchorage

Lee Cromwell, Fairbanks

Banarsi Lal, Fairbanks

Vickie Wilson, AK PH Director, Fairbanks

Julie Sande, KPH

2) Discussion and approval of agenda

Bert: Notes from October meeting were to become our minutes. The question was asked if the minutes were available to everyone at this time.

Bob: Asked if any of the members has minutes with them; none were readily available. Minutes were deferred at this time.

3) Declaration and verification of any conflicts of interest

Chairman Sivertsen as if there were a conflict to state. None were stated.

4) Approval of minutes

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Bert: Moved to accept minutes, subject to future review.

Hollis: Seconded.

Bob: Accepted

5) Unfinished business

a) Travel to Juneau

Bob: Asked Vickie if travel for the face to face meeting was approved.

Vickie: All the travel is approved. Jessica sent info via email. Joe indicated that he will not be able to travel and his reservations have been canceled.

Mary: I won't be staying at the Baranof, will be staying at the Goldbelt because that is where most of the Commission will be staying.

Bob: I will check my itinerary to make sure there are no duplications.

Transport to Hotels? Asked Vickie if the van is available

Vickie: Suggestion to get a cab for the group. Will check with Gina.

Most board members will arrive on flight 64 at 12:47 pm Monday.

Banarsi: Requested Vickie have the travel item be sent to us again. Not sure where the message is that was received in the past.

Vickie: I will follow-up with that.

Bob: Schedule:

Joint meeting scheduled for Monday at 3:00 pm.

Issues.

Bob Thanked the Commission on Aging; They were willing to adapt their schedule to provide for this joint discussion about common concerns.

It's all about senior care. Things are going to change, and we have to prepare for the changes.

Mary: It is critical for all of us to get together at 3pm. It's the one time we can all be together and discuss the issues and understand the different perspectives.

Bob: Location: APH Corp bldg. (Goldbelt Bldg) Suite 302 Hugh Malone Conference Room).

- Monday's agenda notes:
- Presentation Legislative Advocacy and the Commission on Aging
- Rep from the Rasmusson Corp,
- Will be discussion on the effect on the state's 1915 (i)
- Request about whether or not it will be made public.
- Pros and cons.
- Common Advocacy concerns, next step.

We can probably have the Central Office send this out for review.

Mary: Provided the actual address: Goldbelt Bldg 801 W 10th Ave Toll free No. 1 800 315-6338 passcode 53250# Folks from other groups will be in attendance.

Bob: Tuesday PHAB Meeting: we will discuss the advocating message. There is some concern about the overlap of the subjects with other agencies also a concern that the legislature will try to lump together issues and meetings. Our board, the Alaska Commission on Aging and the Advocacy Board will meet here in Juneau Both Bob and Mary will be chairing their prospective board meetings. There will be more discussion between them to figure out schedule. Rate changes are of concern. We will need to continue to address the gap. Define what is Management responsibilities.

There will be a break.

It will be interesting to see the responses we get from the Request for Letters of Interest.

Talk about the Governor's Report.

Will have a meeting with the Residents just prior to Lunch.

We will lunch with the residents.

We did not get out to all the homes. Bert, Lee and Mary did a wonderful job making time to visit their area homes.

Lee: I've had a trip scheduled to Sitka and Ketchikan, partially funded by his company. He will get with Bob to discuss schedule.

Hollis: In Fairbanks we just met. We've got our three members meshed together. He would like to meet tomorrow the 26th. Will get with Vickie.

Bob: More reports to discuss.

Will need to get with Mary to coordinate the Veterans Policies and the Alaska Commission on Aging

Mary: We will get together.

Bob: Maybe the PHAB can get together for dinner and discuss what the boards member have been doing, socializing so that does take time at our regulars meeting.

No reason to disrupt the residences at the Juneau Home the day we arrive, since we are getting in late.

Wednesday: Advocacy.

Bob: Commended the Alaska Commission on Aging, on the list and info they sent to him..

Thursday: Have Breakfast together. There is a meeting room at the hotel where we could get together at lunch, or otherwise, should it be needed.

Hollis: Back to Advocacy: Are we taking the route of thanking them for their support and reminding them of the covenant and for them to do their best?

Pioneer Home level of care is unique. We provide services to a large population of Pioneers, Alzheimer's & Dementia care. We come with very pointed. Senior care is growing in population. We need to think about growing, possibly adding a home in the Kenai area. We need to remind the Legislature that now is not the time to decrease our services.

Hollis: As we the need to increase the level 3 care, we need to keep our high quality of care.

Bob: Ratio of level of care to the number of residents changes. As the level of care or acuity increases.

Hollis: We cannot lower the quality of care provided at the expense of resident care.

Bob: Things to consider moving forward:

- Pioneer Homes.
- The cost.
- Medicaid expansion.
- Occupancy Standards

Bert: One of the concerns. Before we get to Juneau. We need a better understanding of all the reports and the conclusions. Spent yesterday reading the 247 page study/report, and more. We need to meet to discuss all the different reports and come together. There is a lot overlapping information.

Bob: There is no problem with us getting together to focus on a common approach. Asked Vickie to make sure the JPH will be ready for us on Tuesday.

Vickie: Will make sure.

Banarsi: Requested Vickie share the meeting information available to the board. Good that we formulate a plan for our discussions at the capital.

Bob: Will you have a list of the legislation that is moving forward this year.

Vickie: There are just a few and I will get that to you.

Bob: Asked Lee if he had anything to add.

Lee: Have nothing to add.

6) Reports

a) Division Director's Report

Vickie: We are set up to do our presentation on Fri Feb 12th. We tried to move it to the 10th, but only options is either the Monday or a week before. So we'll need to stick to the 12th. Just want everyone to know that we did try to change it.

Note: I have a meeting today at 10 am - Leadership meeting with Commissioner. I will need to leave this meeting to go to it.

b) Veterans Representative's Report:

Lee: I have nothing to add. Joe Fields was excused

c) Policies and Procedures

Bert: I read through the 1 lb. 4 ounces of Policies and Procedures for Anchorage. It took 3 nights of reading to get through it all. It is very extensive. There is nothing that can happen at the Anchorage home that there is not a policy or procedure. Also was able to go through the changes with Josh.

Mary: Commission on Aging: Senate bill 124 Senator Stoltz bill. Was heard at the House. Re-upping of the commission itself as they are under a sunset rule. Asking for a renewal for another full 8 years.

House Bill H 226 Rep Hawker bill will be reviewed. Ask your representatives to sign on to this bill. I've asked mine. Contact your Senators and your Representative as ask them to cosign them. Bob will have copies of what our leg platform will be. Two sided one sheet of paper.

c) ACoA Report as we are having a joint meeting there was no need to report other then it is considered beneficial to meet and listen and learn about each other's programs.

7) Board Chairman

Bob: I had the opportunity to meet with Fred Thorsteinson, Pres of Pioneers of Alaska. He was in Ketchikan for the installation of officers. We sat down and discussed senior issues, overall continuum of care in the state. Understands the challenges the pioneers are going through, and the issue of privatization. Grand igloo meeting is planned in Fairbanks this year. May contact Vickie to meet or present. It will be interesting.

Hollis: Fairbanks: In December met with Igloo and was surprised at some of the blank stares and follow-up questions. We need to keep it going with getting together.

Bob: It will be interesting to learn the responses we get from the request for letters of interest. How long is it out for?

Vickie: It's been out for twenty days. There has been one call regarding downloading. There have been no responses so far. Part of the reason we were put later in the Legislature dates is that they wanted to give time for us to get the responses.

Mary: When is the drop dead date?

Vickie: I'll need to get back to you on that.

Julie: I believe it is Feb 5th.

Bob: There are varied components of deliverables. We take anyone, regardless of pre-existing conditions. It's important that we're understood and that our abilities to provide the level of services we do with the appropriate staff are maintained.

Julie: We could get follow-up Letters of Interest that do not result in proposals.

9) New Business

Banarsi: From observations in the past, I think it would be beneficial to have a meeting with the Commissioner on Tuesday before we get set up to go to Juneau.

Nice to have an appointment with the Lt Governor.

Meet with the Governor, or the Special Assistant to the Governor. If not available, meet with the Chief of Staff

Hollis: The order in which these are presented is in priority order.

Banarsi: We had little success in the past meeting with the Governor. Maybe Vickie can find out who the Chief of Staff is, so we can try meeting with that person.

Bob: We will do everything we can do to get our message to them.

Banarsi: We used to meet in room 215 in the HSS bldg. Perhaps we could reserve that room so we can be ready to meet.

Bob: That is what the Monday meeting is.

Banarsi: I'm talking about after breakfast, and before the capital visit.

Vickie: The Grants and Contract meeting room may be available. Jessica is looking into it.

Bob: We should also pose for a photo for our website.

Vicki: Vickie and Lee are signing off. She has the department leadership meeting with the Commissioner.

Bob: We will meet Tuesday at the Pioneer home in Juneau on the 9th for regular face to face meeting.

10) Board member comments or future agenda items

Bert: The number of veteran residents was at 52, 48 today and 2 more coming tomorrow.

Veterans section will be having big inspection soon.

Concern about rate changes were expressed during Bert's visits.

Mary: Leaving the meeting.

Banarsi:

No comments. Excited about the information and looking forward to our face to face. Banarsi read one sentence out of our own documentation referencing that we the Pioneer Homes are collaboratively managed and operated by staff, Management and the Board.

Bob: Closed the meeting.