

Alaska Pioneer Home Advisory Board

July 26, 2016

Teleconference Notes

1. Everyone present except ACoA.
2. All approved agenda.
3. Conflict of Interest—none for anyone.
4. All approved minutes.
5. Intro to new members
 - a. Pam Beale: Worked with vets; wanted to be on the PHAB; glad to be a part of it.
 - b. Ron Siebels: Retired military officer; retired again; visited Anchorage and Palmer Homes many times.
 - c. Jana Shockman: Nurse; most of her career spent working in critical care; manager in critical care at a transitional care facility in SE Alaska.
6. Discuss report to Governor
 - a. Bob questioned if letters ever make it to the Governor, or if more than just a few paragraphs are ever read. Everyone approves of the letter and thinks it should be sent to the Governor with the adjustments.
 - b. Discussion on the annual fee of the waitlist and if it was happening. Vickie said that we are not progressing with an annual fee to be on the waitlist, but a processing fee of the initial application. This is stated in the last paragraph of the discussed letter to the Governor. Vickie states that she supports this.
7. Reports—Bob spoke of toughness of getting stuff done in Juneau this year and perhaps utilizing their trip further north.
 - a. Director's Report
 - i. Vickie reads SB128 aloud. After reading the intro paragraph, she skips down to the part about the Pioneer Homes (25% reduction). It impacts senior benefits, child care benefits, etc.
 - ii. Pioneer Homes are not high on the conversation list; many homes experience changes in staff/recruitment, especially for CNA's. Vickie says there are about 10 CNA openings in Fairbanks and no applicants.
 - iii. Dana Arnolds is the new administrator in in SPH, and well-known in the community.
 - iv. We are down 3 positions in Central Office, so we are trying to keep up with the duties in the office.
 - v. Capital Projects
 1. In Ketchikan: fixing the ramps and sidewalks outside.
 2. In Sitka: front of SPH is being replaced, specifically the porch, as it was rotting. It's being carefully managed under AKPH and not DOT because it is under the required amount.
 - b. Veterans Representative's Report
 - i. Senator Murkowski was in town early July and spoke with the veterans; there are still issues.
 - ii. Senator Sullivan introduced the Marine CORPS.

- iii. Waiting for a call with AVAC team.
 - c. Policies and Procedures
 - i. Bert: visited with Anchorage and Palmer.
 - ii. Annual reviews of facilities; changes in Pioneer Home policies and procedures.
 - iii. Vickie to send the P&P's out to everyone.
 - d. ACoA
 - i. ACoA representative unavailable, but will get their report to us once they get in contact.
- 8. Board Chairman
 - a. Bob: Talk among the administrators about the reduction of the number of homes (25% reduction) or privatization.
 - b. Vickie: Privatization was pulling off the list, but pharmacy is still on the privatization study. It started about a month ago, there was 1 bidder, and they didn't meet the criteria. Changes were made to the study.
 - c. Hollis: Asked if privatization for janitorial/food services study.
 - d. Vickie: This is our final year with NANA, their contract is ending. But it has been dropped from the conversation. Suspects it will re-emerge once the contract is up with NANA, and that NANA may extend the contract.
 - e. David Blackwell for ACoA joined the conversation
- 9. List of contact information to be updated and sent out.
 - a. Vickie suggests all Board members include a short bio for connections in and out of the homes, and that they can be sent to her directly. They could be helpful with introductions and for use of each other's strengths.
 - b. One trip to plan; Vickie is meeting with Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner about the budget. She thinks the trip will be in budget but is not entirely sure about it.
 - c. Timothy Vallard is the new director of VA.
 - d. Pam asks if there is a checklist for concerns for APH/AVPH; to Vickie.
 - i. Vickie says it has always been mechanicals (worn carpet, etc.) and that it is something that can be compiled together as far as the appearance goes.
 - ii. Bob doesn't want to become the "keeper of the checklist" since it is not their job to keep track of this stuff, but that they can keep up on these things.
 - e. Vickie suggests getting a calendar of the home closest to everyone and attending the events. It's the "point of us" to communicate and be involved with the seniors.
- 10. David Blackwell gives an update that there is nothing to report with ACoA.