

COUNTY HOME ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2006

Call to Order

Chair Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. at the County Home. Peggy Folk was introduced as the new secretary to the County Home Advisory Council.

Roll Call

Present:	Jo Becks	Ken Miller	Randy Schmidt
	Randy Bing	Emily Muscatello	Phebe Simpson
	Craig Enoch	Cheryl Scheck	
	Brian Feron		
Ex-Officio Members Present:	Sharon Ray	Lynn Remington	
Excused:	Skip Sipos		
Guests:	Evelyn Nelson	Darin Job Peterman	Christine Sullivan

Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 25, 2006, were emailed in advance. Ken asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Emily Muscatello moved to approve the minutes and Craig Enoch seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted AYE and the minutes were approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Ken Miller stated that there have been no committee meetings yet.

Finance

They are waiting to hear from Chris Jakab; he is planning to be at the March meeting to review the budget, rates, etc. Brian Feron requested that the members of the committee stay after the next meeting.

Policies and Procedures

Emily Muscatello is waiting for some information and a meeting will be announced at the March 29 meeting.

Marketing & Technology

Cheryl Scheck announced that the meeting will be held March 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Report

The report was distributed. Craig Enoch asked about the capital improvement. Lynn Remington answered that it was for drainage work done in November.

Brian Feron clarified that the farmland lease is established at 28.8 tillable acres at \$55.55 per acre, totaling approximately \$1,600 per year. The contract runs from November 2005 and is through 2007. Sharon Ray reported that there is one parcel not being farmed because it doesn't have good tillable soil.

Administrator's Report

Lynn Remington reported that in January, there were 5 inquiries and 1 admission; the count at the end of January was 52. Completed work included: inventory, dishwasher electrical needs installed, and interviews for a maintenance worker. Work in progress includes: the Employee Handbook and obtaining information on the adult day services. Confirmation was received for Medicare D. One new maintenance worker was hired and has been performing clean-up for the past three weeks, doing an awesome job. There was a fire drill on January 12, inspection on the kitchen hood, and an employee meeting on diabetics. Activities for the residents included the residents started using coupons received at Christmas, breakfast, bingo, billiards, shopping trip, birthday parties, and movies from the Sunshine man. Donations were from the Medina Moose. There were 50 volunteers who worked 188 hours.

Lynn showed a sample of an identification badge to be used in emergencies (emergency healthcare, evacuations, etc.) and field trips. The lanyard will be donated. It was consensus that the social security number not be shown.

Lynn expressed concern with the amount of time it takes to gather paperwork when emergency personnel are called. Each time, the living will and resuscitation orders must go along with the other medical paperwork. Phebe Simpson stated that at the present time, living wills are not kept on the computer system.

New Business

Lynn Remington noted that there are fewer bills with the new Medicare Part D. It seems like some are always a month behind. There are a few items that Medicare rejected; the highest was about \$60.

Josephine Becks complimented Craig Enoch's presentation at the Senior Citizen Center. The first thing he explained was that if someone has an HMO, then they are already on a drug program. Craig stated that there are still qualified people who have not applied for Medicare Part D. This could be due to perceiving the process as too complicated and some people are still suspicious of the government. There was an article in the *Post* that stated, in part, that millions were spent on the program and signups are still lower than expected.

Ken Miller commended Lynn Remington on the Letter to the Editor that appeared in the February 22 edition of *The Gazette*. The letter was from Tom Tolen, Director of the Howard County Home in Kokomo, Indiana. He and a volunteer drove five hours to visit the County Home. Phebe Simpson noted that there was a story on the County Home's peacocks in *The Gazette* on Tuesday. Lynn Remington noted that they are attempting to start a forever garden.

Ken Miller suggested that proposed daycare information be available at Medina's Home & Flower Show with a sign-up sheet to be used to start a mailing list. Mr. Miller stated that there are several open times for manning the table at the Home & Flower Show and asked for volunteers.

Brian Feron asked about the due date for the November ballot. Sharon Ray said that it is in May. Chris Jakab is covering for John Stricker who is sometimes out of the office.

Public Input

Craig Enoch noted that Medina Creative Housing is having a fundraiser, "Raising the Roof", on March 10 that includes dinner at one of five restaurants and the play "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" to be held at the County Administration Building. Tickets are \$50 per person (half of which is tax deductible). Medina Creative Housing builds houses for those in the MRDD system.

Adjournment

Brian Feron moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Josephine Becks. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 29, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at the County Home.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Folk CPS, Secretary