

October 30, 2013

To: Board of Directors TNH

From: John A. Brennan Administrator TNH

Subject: Board Meeting Minutes October 29, 2013

Attending:

Theresa Swartz Chair

Gina Hyde RN

Deacon Alan Thadeu

Joe Martin

Pauline Belleville Taylor RN DNS

Excused:

Steve Linhares

- 1. The meeting was called to order.**
- 2. Minutes of the September 24, 2013 meeting were approved.**
- 3. John informed the Board that in his discussions with the City External CPA/Auditor he said he believed TNH would be in a Free Cash position of \$ 250K for June 30, 2013.**
- 4. John and Pauline reviewed the drug diversion; the state DPH Drug Unit has taken the report and the LPN was terminated.**
- 5. The DOR report on closing TNH was discussed in detail. The Board opposes sale or privatization of TNH and is willing and able to support that position publically.**
- 6. The city has engaged a new audit firm. KPMG is no longer the city auditor.**
- 7. John reviewed the purchase of dining room furniture. The order will be modified and placed ASAP with Mass Correctional Industries.**
- 8. It is the desire of the board to have the furniture in place ASAP along with table clothes. New Bed Spreads will be priced.**

9. John will contact the Honorable Charles Crowley about pictures for the dining rooms that match the signs.
10. John spoke to the Taunton Art Association about the possibility of receiving some donated art for our walls. This is not for the dining rooms.
11. John will check with Alyssa on the details of the Taunton Lighting of the Green 100th Anniversary. TNH residents should be able to tour with VIP access. John said TNH transports many residents by AMR bus to the LaSalette Light Display and this is very popular with the residents.
12. John will contact GATRA to see if they have a Trolley Car for transportation to the Green.
13. John will ask Dyan to see if TNH residents may participate in the Christmas Parade. The date of the event is December 7th.
14. John will check references on the proposed new audit firm Kirkland Albrecht & Fredrickson. They are knowledgeable on CPE as they audit Our Island Home, the only other public nursing home in the Commonwealth.
15. We are still waiting for state survey.
16. John is interviewing for the position of Director of Resident Dining Services. The position is still open. Linda retires October 31st.
17. Hiring C.N.A.s is the top priority at TNH.
18. The roof heating units and heating systems are cleaned, tested, and on line for the winter.
19. John will pursue the DOE federal windows grant for \$ 500K. Senator Marc Pacheco will be made aware of the effort as John will be meeting him at an event in Boston on November 6th.
20. Candidates Day was well attended.
21. The Annual Children's' Halloween Parade was well attended.
22. The Community Garden is closed for the year; the Garden Committee must close the garden for the winter. This includes removal of equipment and tilling the plots. No one has contacted John about an in ground irrigation system.
23. John is participating in a grant project with many city organizations for a \$ 4M state DPH grant to target tobacco, hypertension, and senior fall prevention. Morton Hospital and CCBC are the lead agencies.

- 24. John has proposed a Taunton City Walking trail for \$ 500K.**
- 25. The complaint against John's NHA license is not resolved yet.**
- 26.DPH has approved our license until October 2015.**
- 27. John will sand and poly the bench so no one tears their clothes on splinters.**
- 28. The benches in the Sunshine Room as donated by Deacon Alan Thadeu and Saint Paul's Catholic Church are lovely ; thank you Alan.**
- 29.Gordon Seekel is almost done with the curtains.**
- 30. The Boudreau Medicaid Recovery Project is still under review; we have asked the Commonwealth if we can pursue the funds directly or if Boudreau has an exclusive recovery agreement with the state.**
- 31. The next meeting is the annual Directors' Holiday Celebration on December 17th.**
- 32.The meeting was adjourned.**