

VALLEY HI COMMITTEE
McHenry County Valley-Hi Nursing Home
2406 Hartland Road
Woodstock IL 60098

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007

Chairman Zierer called the Valley Hi Committee meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Mary Lou Zierer, Chairman; Ed Dvorak; James Kennedy; Mary McCann; Peter Merkel; and Dan Shea. Jim Heisler arrived at 8:02a.m. Also in attendance: Kenneth D. Koehler, County Board Chairman; Peter Austin; County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator – Finance; Cathy Link, Purchasing; interested employees, and the press.

Mary Lou Zierer, Chairman	
Ed Dvorak	James Heisler
James Kennedy	Mary McCann
Pete Merkel	Dan Shea

MINUTES

Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to recommend approval of the Valley Hi committee minutes of September 13, 2007 as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing entering into a contract agreement with Revere Healthcare, Ltd. To provide Management Services for Valley Hi Nursing Home: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing entering to a contract agreement with Revere Healthcare, Ltd. to provide Management Services for Valley Hi Nursing Home. Mr. Austin informed committee members that both the Revere Healthcare and Management Performance Associates (MPA) have been or are currently being reviewed by the State's Attorney's office. Most changes in the contracts are needed changes to the legal language of the contract. The Finance Committee would review the recommended resolution and contract next week, and would be forwarded to the County Board thereafter. This committee, at its last meeting had decided they wanted a complete management contract for Valley Hi. Both contract fees have been adjusted based upon discussion at the previous committee meeting. Mr. Austin noted that both companies are successful companies with the differences between the two being philosophical. MPA would like to see a long term solution, with financial discounts up front but expect a long term contract. Revere would like a short term contract of 24 to 36 months at which time they would turn over the running of the facility to the County. Mr. Austin noted that he believed that Revere is more in line with the wants of the County Board. He also stated that administration has been equal time with both firms discussing the needs and wants of the County. Chairman Zierer reminded committee members to be careful of the decision because the contract will cost the county \$270,000+. Mr. Shea noted concern and stated that the County should be able to run the facility similar to changes suggested in the Management Audit. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dvorak to reject the Revere Contract. If the right Administrator is hired, he should be able to do the job as directed in the Audit. Committee members noted concern with some portions of the Revere Contract. Some of the concerns were surrounding portions of the contract that stated they would negotiate and enter into contracts as they deem necessary or advisable for he furnishing of services, concessions and supplies for the operation and maintenance of the facility. It was stated they would also attempt to settle employee relation matters on behalf of the County. Committee members stated they thought the County Board should have a say in these type of issues and do not want them entering or agreeing to any contract or settlement without County Board approval. Concern was also voiced regarding the "marketing" of the facility as this may be in conflict with the Valley Hi Nursing Home mission statement. Committee members were reminded that at the past committee meeting they had voted to hire a management firm for the management of the Valley Hi Nursing Home. Concern was also voiced regarding the Administrator being an employee of the management firm and not of the County. Mr. Austin noted that he feels the Administrator from Revere would have the option of remaining on at Valley Hi. This would not be the case for MPA. Mr. Austin reminded committee members that the differences in the contract would be how long they would remain at Valley Hi. Revere would manage Valley Hi for approximately 18-24 months and MPA wants to remain without an end. Either firm would accomplish the goals of the County. The question remains, how long of a contract do they want? It was previously determined that the committee wanted to hire a firm to run the management of Valley Hi. The question now, is who would make a better fit for the County. Committee members were reminded that there was a motion by Mr. Shea with a second by Mr. Dvorak to reject the Revere Contract. The motion failed with four nays (Dvorak, Heisler, Kennedy, Merkel) and three ayes (McCann, Shea, Zierer) on a roll call vote. After additional discussion, Mr. Dvorak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend we accept the Revere contract, with changes as

discussed, and review by the State's Attorney. The motion carried with four ayes (Dvorak, Heisler, Kennedy, Merkel) and three nays (McCann, Shea, Zierer) on a roll call vote.

Chairman Zierer reminded committee members that there is a Valley Hi meeting still scheduled for next week. If there are any changes to the calendar, committee members will be informed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

None

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

None

Mr. Heisler and Mr. Merkel left committee at 9:03a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

Resolution authorizing entering into a contract agreement, as amended and reviewed by the State's Attorney, with Revere Healthcare, Ltd. to provide Management Services for Valley Hi Nursing Home.

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