

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2008 – 3:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Lucia; Supervisors Southworth, Wood, Wright and Jenkins; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Dale Angstadt, Mental Health; Janet Glenn, Public Health; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor; Wilma Koss, Resident; Press.

Chairman Lucia called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Wright the minutes of the December 5, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman Lucia announced his appointment of Mr. Sausville as Vice Chairman.

Mrs. Brown requested committee approval for a grant application to be used for Lifting Devices for residents at Maplewood Manor.

Mrs. Brown has been working with Mr. Hartman and Mrs. Lent as well as staff at Maplewood to put together a grant that could be used for the purchase of capital equipment lifting devices for the residents. The purpose would be to develop or improve resident handling programs. Currently, Maplewood Manor has mechanical lifts that are used for residents. Mrs. Brown said she would like to submit a grant that would allow for the installation of traverse systems, which are used to mount lifting devices that would either mount to the ceiling or the wall to be used to lift the resident throughout their room. The overall purpose would be to become a zero lifting facility. This would help to minimize employee injuries and maximize resident comfort. The grant is capped at \$83,000 and is a two-year program.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Southworth to approve a grant application to be used for the purchase of Lifting Devices for the residents at Maplewood Manor. Unanimous. (Committee approval only)

Mr. Lucia said there are Q&A meetings held throughout the year to review different issues with regard to nursing homes. Mrs. Southworth said she would attend the meetings and report back to the committee with any pertinent information.

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Wright the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom