

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

February 10, 2010 – 2:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Rowland; Supervisors Collyer, Kinowski, Lucia, Southworth, Wormuth, Yepsen; Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor; LWV Reps (2)

Chairman Rowland called the meeting to order.

Ms. Wormuth moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 11th. Mr. Kinowski seconded. Unanimous.

Mrs. Brown said they applied for a grant early in 2008 to purchase ceiling lifts for one of their units. We were informed we were awarded the grant of \$83,005, and there is no match, she said. She said this will provide tracking for 12 semi-private rooms and a motor for those areas. We received the award the middle of January, and we have until the end of the month to accept the grant, modify the budget to accept the money, and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract. **Ms. Southworth moved to authorize accepting this grant. Mr. Collyer seconded. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Brown stated right now, they have some mechanical lifts that are floor based, and the new ones will be ceiling based in order to move a patient from chair to bed, and they can accommodate higher weight residents. In order for us to determine that these will make a difference, they will be put on one side of one unit. The single room will be for one particular resident, she said. We will contact vendors to come in to do their presentation, and we will have maintenance there also, she added.

Mrs. Brown requested \$140,000 from the County fund balance in order to close out Maplewood Manor's 2009 budget. She said this \$140,000 is a shortfall, and most of that was from food supplies. We were short in minor places, she said. Mr. Hellwig stated that Maplewood Manor is a separate fund. Unfortunately, with the Medicaid reimbursement, it has been subsidized with money transferred out of the general fund, he said. He stated the Medicaid rate is tied to the late 1970's as a cost basis which is absurd. He said there have been several meetings about this in the past, and at some time, the Board will probably revisit that. He said we cannot allow Maplewood Manor to carry a fund balance, so if there is any savings, we

recapture that and bring it back into the general fund, he said. Mrs. Brown stated the 1970 base year will be revised to 2007. **Mr. Collyer moved to authorize appropriating \$140,000 to cover Maplewood Manor's 2009 expenses. Mr. Lucia seconded. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Brown said they have had a contract with CDPHP since February, 2007, and they have been trying to negotiate new rates. She said CDPHP has agreed to an increase of \$5.00/day from 3/1/10 to 2/28/11, and on 3/1/11, they will go up another \$5.00/day. She said it is like a 3% increase per year per level. We do not see a lot of CDPHP residents. It is a Medicare alternative program, she said. She stated they have only had 38 residents with this insurance, and we maybe we are talking \$1,000 more per year. She said maybe they will start seeing more of them. She said the rates are higher than the Medicaid rates. **Ms. Southworth moved to approve this revenue contract. Ms. Wormuth seconded. Unanimous. (Committee approval only)**

Mrs. Brown mentioned their Employee Recognition Luncheon will be held on March 10th at 1:00 p.m. in their main dining room. Invitations will be going out to the Supervisors, she said. She said employees are recognized for their years of service and attendance, and they have an Employee of the Year. She said it is a pretty nice event.

On a motion by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Ms. Southworth, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann