

Public Health Committee Minutes  
May 13, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kinowski; Supervisors Raymond, Sausville, Veitch and Wood; Diane Brown, Sandi Fischer, Maplewood Manor; Hans Lehr, Mental Health.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Ms. Raymond the minutes of the April 8, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mrs. Brown requested a resolution recognizing May 12<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup> as National Nursing Home Week.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Sausville approving a Resolution recognizing May 12<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup> as National Nursing Home Week. Unanimous.**

Discussions on NAMI (net available monthly income) versus Medicaid Rates took place as follows. Mrs. Brown said that some of the residents at Maplewood Manor have long term care insurance. This insurance counts as part of the NAMI calculation. In some cases, what has happened is that the NAMI available for these residents is less than the \$340 private pay rate, and because they can't meet their full obligation, these residents apply for Medicaid, and Medicaid can only pay the nursing home \$170. In cases where private insurance pays less than the Medicaid rate, then Medicaid makes up the difference and the nursing home gets its \$170. However, if private insurance pays more than \$170, the nursing home still only receives \$170 from Medicaid and this amount likely ends up being fully reimbursed by private insurance.

The question is whether our admission policy can allow us to accept private pay that is more than \$170 but less than the \$340 private pay rate, and let the partial payment be considered to be the resident's full payment.

Mr. Kinowski clarified by stating that the county will be taking the insurance over Medicaid if the insurance is higher.

**A motion was made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve allowing the county to take the Private Pay Insurance over Medicaid if the private pay is higher. Unanimous.**  
(committee approval only)

Mr. Kinowski said he has been attending monthly meetings at Maplewood Manor addressing personnel issues, hiring issues, sick leave issues, etc. He said Mrs. Brown submitted her weekly report stating that there were 20 empty beds, and what the staff is doing to try and bring people in. She has also been in contact with other public nursing homes via email inquiring

about their sales, with a great deal of feedback being obtained with regard to how they are addressing personnel issues.

**On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Wood the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom