

Family Council Minutes
Meeting April 20, 2023 at 2:30 pm via Zoom

Attendance: Reg Knudson, Marion Dalley, Judith Hart, Linda Eyre, Colin Kidd

Invitees: Lisa Harper, Angela Roles, Sherry Canning

Regrets: Maria Clai, Donna Kukk, Elinor Utting, Linda McLennan

Welcome:

Reg opened the meeting @ 2:32 pm with a welcome to everyone. A thank you to Linda McLennan for her assistance on the Council, however; Linda will not be continuing.

Agenda Approval:

Addition of #3 to the agenda under New Business - Hybrid Meeting vs. In-person Meeting

The amended agenda was approved.

Moved by Linda Eyre

Minutes Approval:

Minutes from March 16, 2023 Family Council Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Moved by Judith Hart

Old business:

Discussion regarding inconsistency in proper use of compression stockings. Education and training is definitely a possibility for staff.

QIP – Lisa will speak regarding this in the Administrator Report.

New Business:

1. What constitutes direct care? – Direct care for residents has been increased in the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021. When the Home adds up hours for workers, compared to the number of residents in the home, we meet the new criteria. St. Lawrence Lodge has increased its staffing model to reflect the changes. Anything that is part of a resident's daily

living is considered to be direct care. The Ministry expects quarterly reports. We do need more employees and we are not alone in this struggle.

2. What do the new COVID-19 measures in St. Lawrence Lodge look like? – Long-Term Care Homes do not have to stop testing, etc., but the funding has been stopped by the Government. Some homes have chosen to do a Hard Stop but others have done a phased in approach. St. Lawrence Lodge has chosen a phased in approach, with the Medical Director's approval. The details will be outlined in the Resident News Letter and signage will be posted in the Home.
3. Hybrid vs. In Person Meetings – Going forward, we are looking into the possibility of having meetings at the Lodge, in-person. Not everyone will be able to attend, but they can call in and join the meeting. It was voiced that the members should get to know one another and will be easier if in person. Lisa is hoping to accommodate the meetings at the Lodge.

Administrator's Report:

Vacancy – 12 empty beds. Influx of residents. 1 confirmed admission next week. Admission is more challenging as more people are in crisis and have major issues.

Life Enrichment now has seven full time employees - one per resident home area, plus part time support. We have hired a physio aide to do physical activities in the Home. 4/5 days have physical activities scheduled now. This is going well.

QIP was approved by management. We continue to work on this going forward.

Plan is to order new tables and chair next month for all RHA's.

We will be ordering 3 small blanket warmers with the donation that has been received by the home. The home will continue to buy blanket warmers as more donations are received.

There have been a lot of resumes received and new hires by the Lodge.

Ministry visited for 3 weeks. We received some feedback, but no new orders. Overall, good review. Report will be forwarded when it is received.

Roundtable:

1. Family Council agenda is not on the St. Lawrence Lodge website. Could be in the Resident news Letter.
2. Survey request for an Alzheimer support group interest, not open to public but will for family.

3. Discussion regarding possible training for staff to learn dealing with Dementia/Alzheimer patients.

Next Meeting:

May 18, 2023 @ 2:30 pm.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:52 pm.