

Family Council Minutes

Meeting March 17, 2022 at 2:30 pm via Zoom

Attendance: Marion Dalley, Reg Knudson, Wendy FitzGerald, Gord McKewen, Wendy Onstein

Regrets: Donna Kukk

Invitees: Lisa Harper, Angela Roles, Tina Barclay

Welcome:

Reg opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone.

Agenda Approval:

Approved, with addition to the agenda by Wendy, physician at the Home. Reg acknowledged the Home publishing and making available phone numbers and emails of staff.

Old Business:

Minutes were reviewed and approved from February 17, 2022 Family Council Meeting.

-FAQ's – Family council is going to leave this in old Business so they can revisit. Marion is compiling a booklet.

New Business:

1. **Discussion regarding vaccine requirements:** Angela advised that the March 14th deadline for third dose be considered. At this time, all staff are being encouraged to obtain third dose, however the home is currently in outbreak. Staff will provide the Committee of Management information concerning third dose. The Home is unsure about rapid antigen testing, and will review options for QHR codes. Visitors that are not vaccinated are not permitted in at this time. Lisa will touch on also in Director's Report.
2. **Bed Rails:** Marion raised the concern that it was understood all bed rails would be removed, and there was no realization this was optional. Lisa apologized for any misunderstanding and advised that there are currently 21 residents with bed rails. There is an assessment tool to confirm the safety of use. If a resident is independent, and can

turn for mobility, they may qualify for use. If the intent is to reduce falls, that is not the intent of bed rails, and may be unsafe. The Home is ensuring risk and safety of all residents. Question was asked if POA, resident would sign a waiver of liability could the bed rails be left on? The MLTC indicated the Home is liable regardless of waiver; it is the responsibility of the Home to keep the residents as safe as possible. New admissions will not be provided bed rails as an intervention. There are options of other tools such as a pole from floor to ceiling; however, a home assessment needs to happen. At this point, it is unsure if this tool may be able to be used. Safest option is to remove all bed rails. There is and has been ongoing dialogue with families. Noted Fall Program is more for reducing injury.

3. Isolation Rooms: Each room is a private room, same as other private rooms in the building. The intent is not to keep the isolation unit open. It was mentioned an awareness of significant depression of a resident that did not appear to be recovering. Lisa acknowledged seeing a decline in residents, but could not confirm it was due to isolation and COVID. It was suggested to try to brighten up the room on day one, so that the room looks comfortable with pictures on the wall, and to be provided with activities to keep busy from activation. Use of isolation unit is strictly COVID related.
4. Role of Physician in Home: Currently there are two physicians that attend on site. The Medical Director is Dr. Mansworth, he is on site twice weekly, and is available 24 hours a day for medication orders, transfer to hospital, support the Home and staff if needed. Wendy advised the early arrival time is not conducive for residents that sleep in. Noted it took four days to get medication for a UTI. Dr. Mansworth is often available for phone calls if needed. The second physician is used for overflow, and is not taking new patients.

Director's Report:

- Oak is only unit on outbreak. From January 8th until today, we are progressing well. Activities are returning, there still remains no large activities in the Home. Noted the Health Unit advises when outbreak is over.
- It is noted there remains 21 bedrails in the Home, and last year there were 224. Home safety has increased. Ministry was in the Home all last week. In regards to Abuse Order, the Ministry reviewed our revised policy.
- PSW full time scheduling and cohorting with increased staffing numbers on evening has occurred. This was a collaborative endeavor with CUPE and the Home. Additional direct care funding will permit for five PSW's on days, 4 PSW's on evenings, and two PSW's on nights. The Home is also looking for extra registered staffing.
- New first floor ADOC named Lynn starting Monday.

Roundtable:

Discussion regarding Family Council's position on third dose of vaccinations, pro and cons. Majority of members were pro all vaccines, including annual boosters. Lisa committed to keeping Family Council apprised of any updates regarding mandatory vaccinations.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be Thursday, April 21, 2022 @ 2:30 pm.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned @ 4:15 pm