

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

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AUDITOR:

Roger Chaplin Arunas Morkunas Bookkeeper AUDIT Committee Gene Kobelskiene Edis Stravinskas The last Board meeting before the summer break took place on July 17th at Labdara. The new Acting Administrator, Mr. Michael Bausch was introduced by the Chair - Judy Kavaliauskas and he joined the meeting.

ACTING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Michael Bausch:

- The bed occupancy rate at Labdara is 99.4%.
- 12 volunteers walked for Labdara in the Toronto Challenge Walk this past June and raised \$2,300 in pledges for Labdara.
- The Residents' Council had their meeting on June 26th. No issues were identified by them.
- There have been some issues with water back-up not due to heavy rainfall or storms, but rather, due primarily to inappropriate material being flushed down the toilets. Staff are dealing with this issue.
- The new Video Security Camera system (funded by Gala 2016) is now installed and operating at Labdara. It will eventually include facial recognition for residents identified as being prone to wandering. Only some of the cameras (e.g. at entrances/exits to the nursing home) will have facial recognition capabilities. Some adjustments are still required as everyone learns to work with the new system.
- The next priority project to update the nursing home is work on refurbishing the nursing stations on each floor.
- The Quality Indicators Report for Labdara shows that we are well ahead of provincial averages.
- There was some concern about aggressive behaviour by a newly admitted resident. It is important to note that it takes a couple of weeks for newly admitted residents to settle into the new routines and to adjust to the new environment. Staff are trained to deal with these situations.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Robert Berg:

- The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (under Kathleen Wynne) provided funding equivalent to one more Registered Nurse to Labdara. It can only be used to fund direct care to residents in our home.
- We also received some additional funding (\$100 per bed per year) for falls prevention (e.g. to purchase things like mats, walkers, etc.). Labdara is required to report back to the Ministry re the use of these funds.
- Raw food expenses were above the amount budgeted year-to-date, but were covered by funds underspent in nursing (as now allowed by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care).
- Palliative and end-of-life care needs for both residents and families will be addressed. The Manager will be looking into options for more education in this area.
- Recruitment for a new Administrator is planned for the Fall.

BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT - Judy Kavaliauskas:

- Four more chairs for the resident outdoor balconies were purchased using funds raised through the Toronto Challenge walk this past June.
- Three quotes will be presented to the Board for work on the refurbishment of the nursing stations and front reception desk and then a decision will be made depending on costs and funds in hand. A large portion of the funds required for this project is already in place thanks to donations from the Lithuanian credit unions: Parama, Resurrection and Hamilton's Talka.

Next Board meeting will take place in September.