

FRIENDS OF GOOD SHEPHERD
June 9, 2012

In attendance: Resa Thomas, Richard Baker, Martha and Ed Benson, Ina Vigil, Gordon and Winona Leben, Ed Benson, Marilyn Halpern, Rev. Ron Beckman, Bob and Louise Dudley, Karen and Franz Huber, Doris and John McGregor, Michele Craig, Mark Wester, Charlie Benson, and Pam Nelson.

Devotions: Mark Wester

Executive Board Members: Ed Benson
President John McGregor
Vice President Dan Francis
Secretary Pam Nelson
Treasurer Franz Huber
Ways and Means John Barksdale
Volunteer Coordinator Doris McGregor

Bethesda Overview: Mark Wester

Mark presented an overview of Bethesda. Quality—ICF and DOH surveys, Basic Assurances/POMs and Medication Administration—revisions and reviews. Financial Update included information about Census growth, Bottom line, Budget—doing better than previous years. In 2012 Bethesda will try just to break even. Program Updates included Bethesda is planning to implement a new Day Program in Castle Rock as well as expanding Host Homes. He also stated there are currently 10 vacancies in the Group Homes. A short update on Colorado wait list; there will be funding for 150 new slots for services in the State of Colorado starting July 1, 2012.

General Updates: Bethesda will be moving out of the offices located by the McGregor Center. They will be moving to the Curtice Street offices. Some folks will be moving into the Day Program facilities. Bethesda is looking for a Nurse Manager that will oversee all Bethesda Nursing programs in Colorado. They are also looking at adding another Area Director in January for the Waiver Services.

Complaint Process: 1st got to Program Manager and then the Area Director. You can always escalate to Michele Craig or Mark Wester. Program Managers should be aware of issues first before parents and guardians have to get involved.

Treasurer: Hanz Huber

Camp Funding:

In a previous meeting, Sue Hart has asked that FOGS donate \$12,000 to help fund

camp for the summer of 2012. However, camp was held only 1 time rather than 2 times due to the forest fires in the camp vicinity. A separate meeting will need to be held to discuss the donations from FOGS for camp.

Exercise Bike:

The Waiver Day Program is requesting a new Exercise Bike. They are asking for funds from Bethesda to purchase an Exercise Bike. Richard Thomas stated that he knows of some donated Exercise Bikes that will most likely just be thrown away. Richard will investigate and try to obtain a bike in good shape and that it is agreeable with the Day Program Manager to assure it is safe and what is required.

Physical Therapist:

A new PT will be hired for the Waiver Program starting in July 2012.

Web Site: Richard Baker

Richard Baker gave an overview of the Website and the ongoing costs. He wants to add more functionality such as a New Letter option. The Web Site team will meet again to discuss what is needed and what is feasible for FOGS financially.

New Family Awareness:

A discussion took place regarding how to notify new family members about FOGS. Mark mentioned that he cannot provide names and information due to privacy rules. We discussed developing a flyer with an overview of FOGS and encourage new family members to get in touch with FOGS members to inform them about our group and encourage them to attend a meeting. A group will need to get together to discuss the development of an informative flyer that Bethesda can provide to all new family members.

Name Change:

Good Shepherd merged with Bethesda a few years ago; the name is Bethesda Lutheran Community. A short discussion took place as to whether our group should change the name as well. There are changes that will need to be made for a name change for Non-Profits. A group will need to get together to determine if this is a possibility.

Golf Tournament: Ed Benson

The gold Tournament will be held at Buffalo Run on September 7, 2012. Doris suggested that the FOGS members look for donations to be donated for the Raffle. The funds received for the golf tournament will go to Bethesda; however, the funds will stay in Colorado. FOGS would like to have information regarding where and how the funds are spent.

Meeting Adjourned.

Notes submitted by Pam Nelson

