

**Sunny Acres Nursing Home & Countryside Estates**  
**Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 31, 2023**

**Location:** Menard County Courthouse County Board Meeting Room

**Meeting Facilitator:** Sarah Hoskins, Administrator

**Chairperson:** Emily Schirding

**Secretary:** Tim Hurie

**Attendees:** Administrator Sarah Hoskins, Advisory Board members Emily Schirding, Angie Fletcher, John Whitehurst, Steve Territo, Tim Hurie, County Commissioners Rich Brauer, Troy Cummings, Menard County Treasurer Pam Bauser, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, interim administrator John Hurley, Heritage President and CEO of Heritage Enterprises, Inc, Benjamin Hart, Heritage Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Daniel Curry, Heritage Director of Business Operation Steven Hart, Heritage Regional Director of Operations Janette Strabala, and Director of Heritage Facility Operations Robert Haerr

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Emily Schirding
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes-Motion by Steve second by John
4. Discussion
  - a) Daniel Curry spoke about Sunny Acres husbanding resources and increasing revenue. He spoke about the need to reduce agency labor and to increase census. Daniel indicated that most facilities had a nurse to cna ratio of approximately 40% nurse to 60% cna's. It was presented that using the Heritage pooling program for cna agency could assist in managing cost.
  - b) Steven Hart spoke about the Sunny Acres budget for 2023. He reminded that federal stimulus money would not be forthcoming in 2023. That would be a diminishing of \$723,000 for the year. He indicated that the current \$193.00 a day charge per resident would need to be raised to \$219.00 to break even. The advisory board voted to raise the daily fee to that starting in March. The eventual goal would be to target \$240.00 a day fee for residents.
  - c) Benjamin Hart spoke to reinforce the concept of controlling expenses and increasing revenue for the operation of the facility. Ben reminded the group that "Pennies matter in the nursing home business." It was suggested to drop the number of bed licenses from the current 106 to 99 to reduce cost and that was passed.
  - d) Robert Haerr addressed the renovation of showers at Sunny Acres. The timetable is still uncertain for now but he is hopeful to complete three by next month. He also informed the group that to repair the heating elements at Countryside Estates would come in a bit under \$5,000.00. Sarah reported the census for Sunny is 85.

The next meeting is at the Broadgague on March 1, 2023. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Hurie, Secretary of the Board