**WACCRA Board Meeting**

**May 12, 2023**

**Skyline**

**DRAFT**

**Attendees:**

*Board*: Donna Kristaponis, President; Nickie Askov, Secretary; Jim Crim, Treasurer; Rick Baugh, Carlos Caguiat, Monica Clement, Kim Hickman, Barb Horrell, Jerry Tuttle

*Membership Liaisons*: Susan Dillon, Membership Coordinator; Barbara Knight (Horizon House), Tom Sakata (Skyline), Mandy Wertz (Mirabella)

*Skyline Visitors*: 7 including Mark Damborg, Chair of the WACCRA Liaison Committee; *Mirabella Visitor*: Miceal Vaughan

President Donna Kristaponis called the business meeting to order at 10:25 AM at Skyline after she gave an updated overview of WACCRA accomplishments. The Minutes for the April 14, 2023, meeting were approved by consensus as was the Treasurer’s Report. Jim also reported that donations with WACCRA renewals were helpful.

OLD BUSINESS:

• Membership Renewals: Susan reported that there are now 1,174 members in the database with 1,042 paid up members including family and lifetime members. 37 residents have not renewed for two years. Susan then introduced Mandy Wertz who will become Mirabella’s Liaison while Susan focuses on coordinating the membership at all CCRCs.

• CCRC Activities: Bob Drexler, Liaison at Emerald Heights, has requested to learn about the relationship that WACCRA has to Resident Councils in the various CCRCs. On March 19 Kim gave a presentation on Medicare/Medicaid at Emerald Heights. Timber Ridge is continuing their floor meetings. Skyline has a WACCRA Liaison Committee that receives a budget from their Resident Council. Mirabella will be forming a WACCRA Interest Group under the Resident Association after the Bylaws revision.

• Budget Proviso Update: Carlos updated the board on the process of using the $300,000 in the Proviso to accomplish the goals of creating legislation for financial oversight of CCRCs in WA. The legislation has to be completely written by December 2024 so that it can be considered in January 2025 for enactment into law. **At this point we need to write handwritten notes to Nicole Macri, Frank Chopp, and Jamie Peterson to thank them for supporting the Budget Proviso. Laura and Barb, as members of the Legislative Committee which Carlos chairs, are taking the lead in crafting a set of talking points for us to use in writing notes.**

• Communications Task Force: Kim reported on the successful pilot test of the draft questions and procedures at Skyline on May 2. She and Nickie (notetaker) agreed that having no computer projection went well since Kim had copied pages from various WACCRA publications. Microphones are needed for participants in the focus groups.

• Update from the Presidents’ Roundtable: Rick reported that an increased interest had occurred at the Presidents’ Roundtable. (Note: The board decided at the April meeting that presidents who are not WACCRA members should receive complimentary mailings of the NewsMail.)The plan for the June 13 meeting is to present the Financial Disaster Planning report and ask for volunteers to pursue the issue at their own CCRCs. This issue is being addressed by DSHS for Skilled Nursing, but that does not include Independent Living. IL residents need to know what they need to cover in their renters’ insurance.

NEW BUSINESS:

• Develop a lobby program for meeting with legislators: **A task force is needed to develop talking points with data for members to use in meeting with legislators this summer and fall.**

• Reports from WACCRA Liaisons: Tom, Jerry, and Monica gave brief reports. Barbara reported that surveys were sent to Horizon House residents at the end of April. When these are collected, she will send them to the Communications Task Force. (Note: The survey questions were not shared in advance with the task force.)

• Items from Board members: Kim reported that ACL Reach programs (previously presented before a board meeting) are actually reaching very few people, especially WA residents.

Donna reported that she had received an invoice from NaCCRA for WACCRA’s state dues for $300 or $350. She suggested that we consider not renewing our membership due to some mistaken information in articles and old leadership. CA and NC have already dropped their state memberships. After some discussion she called for a vote resulting in a 6-4 vote to renew our membership. This vote was later determined to be invalid (dues are actually $500; one person who is not a board member voted). A formal motion will be presented at the next board meeting.

The business meeting adjourned at 11:40. The next meeting will be held at Hearthstone on June 9 at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted: Nickie Askov, Secretary