

The Wallace County Board of Commissioners met in special session with, Larry Townsend, Chairman, Michael Cowles, Commissioner, Becky Larson, Commissioner, and Brionna Colvin, County Clerk present.

Becky Poe, Kriss Wahlmeier, Maggie Figurilli, Brad and Eileen Porubsky, Connie Harrison, Wanda Funk, JoAnna Basgall, Carol Martin, and Linda Tittle entered the meeting.

Chairman Townsend called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Brian Gailey, Lace David, and MaryAnn Schmidt entered the meeting.

Lacey Hunter with Kansas Department of Aging and Development (KDADs) entered the meeting via zoom.

Lacey has received the notice of closure as well as the closure plan from the current licensure. Lacey also said that the plan has been approved.

Lacey has received and is working on reviewing the Hope Springs license.

KDAD's has 90 days to approve or deny Hope Springs application.

Lacey is able to extend the current license to make sure that the licenses switch over the same day.

KDADs has processed a few of these transitions but this is probably one of the most controversial transitions.

Hope Springs must have their license before they are able to take over the facility, regardless of the 90-day notice given to WCCCC. The license can be switched over before June 29th if Hope Springs gets their license before then.

WCCCC cannot accept any new applications for residents while the closure plan is being implemented, but Hope Springs would be able to accept applications to be put on a waiting list.

Once the closure plan is approved, the administrator at WCCCC has 75 days to implement it.

The CMS agreement with WCCCC is being terminated because Hope Springs does not need to have that provider due to what their license will be.

KDAD's can step in if they need to do a receivership. If KDAD's does a receivership, then the WCCCC Board does not get the business back.

It was stated that the current administrator is not willing to work with the Porbusky's. MaryAnn Schmidt (current Director of Nursing) said that she is willing to step up and help the Porbusky's with the transition.

Brad and Eileen met with nurses and CNA's on May 24th and they were very honest with each of them about the future. Eileen felt good with how the visit went.

Chairman Townsends opinion is that he wants to help pay necessary bills going forward, not what is already late to keep it open through the transition.

On May 10th, WCCCC should hopefully see \$160,000.00 in accounts receivable.

The only large outstanding bill that WCCCC has is agency staffing and Greely County Health Services, to the WCCCC Board's knowledge.

Doug Tittle entered the meeting.

The transition team is working on scheduling a meeting.

The bylaws and agreed upon procedures between the WCCCC and Wallace County were discussed.

Recess at 11:46.

Commissioner Cowles had a prior commitment and will not return for the afternoon session.

Wanda Funk, Linda Tittle, Connie Harrison, Carol Martin and Lace David entered the meeting.

Reconvene at 12:43.

Commissioner Larson explained what she had discussed with Jennie Klinge, WCCCC Administrator when they met. Jennie was able to provide all invoices for the Lawrence Recruiting Specialists Inc.

Lawrence Recruiting Specialists Inc. is requiring a \$40,000.00 deposit on top of the \$99,122.70 invoices they are in the rears.

If the \$139,122.70 is not paid to agency staff companies, Jennie will force an emergency shut down as soon as tomorrow, April 18th.

Eileen Porubsky entered the meeting via phone call.

Eileen was able to give the commissioners an approximate of what their income would look like. Eileen was able to give the commissioners Lacey Hunters phone number so they could give her a call.

Lacey Hunter re-entered the meeting via phone call.

The commissioners discussed with Lacey what the emergency shut down could look like.

KDADs does not have any staffing or money to help if the state has to come in and do a receivership. Regulatory expectations should be written in the closure plan.

Minimum staffing requirements have to be met in order to be in compliance.

The commissioners are willing to help find nurses from the community to meet the minimum staffing requirements.

The commissioners asked Lacey if the current administration makes the first step in closing, what can we do?

Lacey said that WCCCC would have to get rid of residents if staff starts resigning.

Lacey Hunter said that KDADs can do a wellness check at WCCCC. The commissioners thought that would be a great idea. Lacey scheduled the wellness check for next week.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Brionna Colvin, County Clerk

Larry Townsend, Chairman

Becky Larson, Commissioner

Michael Cowles, Commissioner