

**General Meeting
Minutes
March 18, 2009**

Call to Order-John called the Meeting to order at 12:20 pm

Minutes-Minutes were approved

Guests-

Guests were Peter Stegner from Senator Crapo's office, and Dean Ferguson from Walt Minnick's office. Dean talked about Walt Minnick trying to hold a town meeting on 4/6 here in Orofino.

Announcements-

HOSA-did a quick presentation on their organization. They are looking for fundraising for their organization from the local businesses to help them. Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) is a youth organization that helps youth looking for careers in health care to prepare them for it. They are going to the spring leadership conference in Boise and need to raise money for travel and accommodations for their stay in Boise during the conference. One option for sponsorship is \$150 for the entire year and those that choose this sponsorship option will have their name on a shirt that they will wear to all their competition and fundraising activities to let others know that you have helped them. They will also be listed in the newspaper for helping the organization to reach their goal. To help with donations you can contact HOSA advisor Sheri Carter at 827-2304.

ICIO- Warden Terema Carlin made an announcement of their open house Wednesday April 1, 2009. That is in celebration for 25 years in operation at the prison. There will be presentations from different departments and tour times of the facility. More details will be sent out later. There will also be a fundraising chili cook-off on April 15, 2009 at the VFW Hall in an effort to have an awards banquet for the staff at the prison.

-There was also an update about the RFI for the prison and there were a couple of legal issues that the Department of Corrections ran into while preparing the RFI.

-Chamber office will be closed 3/20-3/24 and will be open up again on Wednesday 3/25.

Committee Reports

Public Affairs - Dennis Harper

-Legislative conference call

Promotional – Laura Wolverton

Auction Committee-Heather Leach

This committee will meet at the Mexican restaurant on the 20th at 1pm.

Career Fair Committee-Monica Jones

The Chamber of Commerce is helping to sponsor the Career Fair April 30th 2009

Map Committee-Phillip Shriver

Need Ad Proofs to Kim Hoffman as soon as possible so we can get them finished and have the map sent off to print.

Programs – Stephanie Deyo

-Ron Barnes, Clearwater Health & Rehab

Ron talked to us about the rating system used for the Rehabilitation places like Clearwater Health and Rehab. You can access this online and you can compare nursing homes in Idaho. There are three areas of inspections. One is health inspections and this is for Medicaid/Medicare certification. It was just a couple of years ago that Clearwater rehab had a poor survey and now they are working back from those problems they had. They only had 1 out of 5 stars on their last survey.

They also evaluate on quality measures. There are 10 of these quality measure and they compare those 10 to other facilities in the state.

They also compare staffing of a facility and they got 3 stars out of 5 for staffing of their facility. With specifically RN they had received 4 out of 5 stars. The star ratings in these survey's is very confusing.

Ron talked about how the best evaluation is from the people who walk into the facility. When you walk in there is no odor, the nursing home is clean, number of staff? The people that use the facility is who is the best for evaluation.

The facility has improved tremendously in just a few years to make this facility a better place to stay and they are doing alright. The evaluations are doing much better as well and they are gearing up for a great evaluation.

Ron talked about the Therapy program that has greatly improved with more staff, but they are recruiting for an occupational therapist. They are a very busy department and a lot of residents who have improved with this department.

Clearwater Health & Rehab is trying to be more active in the community and show us they are really working to improve the facility and that they care about the folks here in our community and want to get to know them even by name. They have lots of local people who work at the facility. Ron believes this helps to give the nursing home a friendly place. They do have a lot of good staff that are tied into the same goals of the

nursing home. They are also working on the outside appearance and inside appearance to make the facility more like home for the residents that live there.

Questions,

One question for Ron was how many stars were on the survey. He explained that the results from the most recent survey have not been posted yet and the internet right now is still displaying the survey results from 2007.

Another question for Ron was the cost of beds in the facility. He said that the cost of beds was \$155/day and very few had long term care insurance. There are 56 beds available and have seen about 44 beds at the lowest occupancy this year. There are around 60 employees at the facility.

Adjourn

John adjourned meeting at 12:58 pm