

Notes from Larsen Pavilion Resident Council Meeting

November 5, 2009

The Larsen Pavilion Resident Council Meeting of November 5, 2009 was chaired by Linda Hicks, Activities Leader.

There were nine residents in attendance. Staff attending included Linda Hicks, Activities Leader; Abby Rosman, Resident and Family Services Director; Sherry Brown, Pavilion Administrator; Jan Stout, Third Floor Nurse Manager; Sandi Brower, Pavilion Kitchen Manager; Margie Pregent, Director of Nursing; Rosie Campbell, Clinical Coordinator.

Guests included: Jeff Pennock, Therapy Manager; Bill Staples, Auxiliary President and Mary Fountain, Aux. 1st Vice President.

Some of the areas discussed included:

1. Jan Stout mentioned that each Pavilion department was going to be featured in the Pavilion Press in the upcoming issues. The third floor would be featured for the December issue. She indicated that she and staff would come up with an article featuring residents and staff.
2. She said that enhanced communication would be attempted so that residents would know more about when their appointments would be coming up. Nurses would inform residents in writing about forthcoming scheduled appointments or other doctors visits.
3. Sherry Brown introduced Jeff Pennock, Therapy Director, and explained how our Therapy Department received a prestigious award for being the most improved department among 1,100 across the country. The award was passed around so all the residents could see it. Great job Therapy!
4. Sherry said it is their hope that ground for the new Therapy Department and Rehab Building would be broken after the 1st of the year.
5. Margie Pregent informed the residents that Kathleen Alexander is now MDS Coordinator on the 1st floor and Rosie Campbell would be doing Kathleen's job as Clinical Coordinator for third floor. Rosie has been with Shell Point for four months and was an LPN for seven years and is now an RN. She is interested in being trained as a wound care nurse. Rosie mentioned that her family came from Cuba.
6. Margie said they are still reviewing call light answering times and receive a monthly report. This is communicated through an electrical panel in the D.O.N. office. The average time for call lights to be answered is two minutes throughout the building.
7. Margie described a new machine that was being considered which would give doctors an instant readout in diagnosing UTI problems. This machine would allow prescribed treatment to begin much faster with no waiting for lab results to come back to the Pavilion.
8. The Pavilion is in close contact with the Department of Health regarding the H1N1 Flu and is using precautions as outlined by the Health Department. No cases have come into the Pavilion. The Pavilion will be getting vaccines for direct care staff first and then for others. It has been noted that younger children and middle age adults are more likely to get the flu than older adults.

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9. Abby Rosman informed the group that a Family Forum meeting is now being scheduled on a monthly basis and the first one met on Oct. 23. The meeting is very similar to the Residents Council but it is for family members. This allows them to be able to express their concerns and find out more about the Pavilion happenings.

10. A resident asked if family members who lived away would be able to hear what the meetings entailed via phone communication. Sherry said she would check into the possibility of such a hook up.

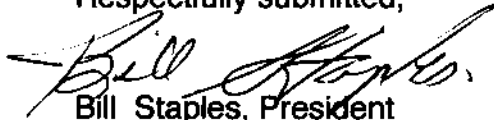
11. Abby mentioned that this Family Forum gives family members opportunities to find out about different services that can be provided to their loved ones.

12. Sherry told the residents that she helped with the half day Open House last week and that she enjoyed being a tour guide and answering peoples questions. She estimated 500 hundred people had come to Shell Point.

13. Sherry said that she and Margie had gone to Clairbridge, an Alzheimer's facility for a conference. She said it was very informative. They were given a virtual tour to experience what it is like for people with Alzheimer's disease.

14. Linda informed the residents of the special events and activities for the month of November including the residents Birthday Party that afternoon. Also mentioned, were the scheduled Homecoming activities starting the 16th.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Staples, President
Larsen Pavilion Auxiliary