



## **RAC HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**March 14, 2024**

### **CONFERENCE ROOM**

Chair Janet Warren called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Tom Altshuler, Susan Baker, Carl Bohnenkamp, Joan Macholl, Janet Warren.

Guest: Dian Corneliusen

Absent: Emily Lahti, Director Lisa Frank

The roll call confirmed attendance of five members and a guest. Director Lisa Frank was not able to attend due to an emergency.

The RAC Health Care Committee has lost members who have made many valuable contributions. Becky Batson, Maureen Kershaw, and Bruce Clatterbuck have moved to higher levels of care. Ron Sweet passed on March 7, 2024. We thank them for their dedication to service and we will miss them very much.

There was not a quorum for January and February and with scant attendance, meetings consisted mainly of discussion with no new goals set.

There is a need to recruit new members in order to continue the services that the Committee has provided the residents in the past. Dian Corneliusen was invited to join the Committee.

The Hearing Support Group has not had enough persons attending to continue the service, even though Chair Tom Altshuler has called with reminders for the meetings. The Cancer Support Group is in need of a moderator. Guest Dian Corneliusen has considered leading the group. She has an extensive background in working with cancer support groups and cancer research.

Joan Macholl needs assistance in order to continue to offer programs to the Visually Impaired.

Bruce Clatterbuck has discontinued the Neuropathy Support Group due to poor attendance and his move to a higher level of care.

There is still a need for a Parkinson's Support Group, but there is no one available at the present time to lead it.

Dian presented a history of her work with metastatic cancer as a special interest, having been a patient herself. A presentation of her work with this field would be of interest to the residents when she would be available to present it, possibly in May. This could lead to the reformation of a Cancer Support Group.

Carl Bohnenkamp and Janet Warren agreed to look for new members through the biographies Freedom Plaza Marketing provides for new residents.

There is a need to collect articles for a spring edition of "Did You Know". Ron Sweet had suggested earlier that this issue publish a biography for Lisa Frank and Sherry who manage the Wellness Center. Carl and Janet will work on articles, but no deadline was set for publication.

Several speakers made presentations this winter:  
Tampa General Hospital At Home Program  
Prescription Drug Cost Saving by Ellie Anderson.

Scheduled for March 26 is the third presentation by Bob Busch from the Florida Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, "Warning Signs of Alzheimer's".  
Tentatively scheduled for April 23 is "What to Bring to the Hospital" by Phyllis Black.

A Survey to be given to residents to determine their health care interests is on hold.  
The next meeting will be April 11, 10:00 in the third floor Clubroom.

Some decisions need to be made concerning the future of the RAC Health Care Committee. As a Committee, we have provided many well-received services to residents during the past three years. However, we can't continue without dedicated members willing to provide them.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Warren, Chair and Secretary