



Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 26, 2023, 10:30 am

Present | Bill Siedhoff, Cynthia Crim, Karl Wilson, Ann Bannes

Excused | Sr. Mary Ann Nestel, Skip Batchelor, Mary Wheeler

Other Attendees | Jamie Opsal, Katie Ratkowski, Stephanie Herbers, Matt McBride, KMOX, KTVI, St. Louis Public Radio

Northview Village Closure (*Jamie Opsal*)

Northview Village closed abruptly on December 15, displacing 185 residents, many without their medical charts and only the clothes they were wearing. The Northview Village building was looted, and many residents' items were stolen. Of the 185 residents, about 80 residents are aged 60 and over. The remainder are individuals who have severe mental illness or other diseases or disabilities. The Mental Health Board will be meeting today to discuss fundraising efforts for residents under 60.

Jamie has met with the Director of Human Services for the City—Adam Pearson—as well as Anneliese Stoever—Director of the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging, Marjorie Moore with VOYCE—the organization that manages the long-term care ombudsmen program—and Cassandra Kaufman from the Mental Health Board. The organizations are organizing case managers to meet with the former Northview Village residents and determine (1) if they want to stay at their new location, and (2) what clothing or personal care supplies they need/were lost in the move.

Anneliese Stoever reached out to the United Way of Greater St. Louis on Friday to ask if they could coordinate fundraising for residents. There are currently fundraising efforts for former employees, but nothing exists for the residents.

Karl Wilson made a motion to authorize Jamie Opsal to move \$174,000 of unallocated funds from Fund Defined grants line item to Emergency grants line item and grant authority for Jamie, as executive director, and Bill Siedhoff, as board chair, to determine how and the amount of allocated funds—up to the transferred amount—that need to be expended to support case management services and the purchase of clothing, personal care items, and other supplies for Northview residents who are 60 years of age or older.

Notetaker: Katie Ratkowski

The Board voted via roll call:

Ann Bannes – Yes

Karl Wilson - Yes

Cynthia Crim – Yes

William Siedhoff – Yes

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am by a motion made by Karl Wilson and seconded by Cynthia Crim; all were in favor.

*Next full board meeting is planned to be on **January 25 at 10am.***