

Mountain View Community

Carroll County's Nursing Home and
Rehabilitation Center

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To: Carroll County Board of Commissioners
From: Howie Chandler, MVC Administrator
Re: June 2020 Monthly Report

1. Covid-19 Update:

- a) First and Foremost we have always been and we remain Covid Virus free for Residents and Staff.
 - 1) Having completed baseline testing of all Residents and all Staff, we have now entered a phase of Serial Surveillance Testing for at least 4 additional weeks where 100% of Staff and approximately 10% of Residents are tested. I expect that testing period will be extended and that we will be doing our 7-10 day testing throughout the summer.
 - 2) Strict screening at the door upon Staff arrival continues. Out of an abundance of caution we do send a number of Staff Home each day (with pay) because they show potential symptoms including an elevated temperature.
- b) Outdoor Resident/Family visitations began on a trial basis last week and have started in earnest today. We have four visit stations set up and have two sessions per day. Right now we are scheduled for Tues/Wed/Thursday but we are looking at alternative times as well. Family Members go through the same screening process that Staff go through.
- c) At present the State has no plans – much less a timetable --- for reopening nursing homes. I would expect that we are looking at September/October at the earliest.
- d) We are looking at a modified admission process that will allow us to carefully begin admissions again starting as soon as next week.
- e) Personal Protective Equipment: We are gradually building up our reserve supplies but are still less than the ideal of having a 14 day supply on hand.

2. Budget/Finance:

- a) Although our Resident revenue is down our overall revenue is up in large measure to the CARES Act funding that we have received. We have submitted an application with the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) but I am not optimistic that we qualify for funding.
- b) The Long Term Care Stabilization Program (LTCSP) with one exception provides weekly stipends of \$300 to 30+ hour Staff and \$150 to Staff working between 7.5 and under 30 hours. To date we have received \$281,550 from the program and by way of example last week we had 141 Full Time and 46 Part Time Staff Members qualify. Although the Program is scheduled to end next Tuesday (6/30) there are many who are predicting that the Governor will extend it through July. Many thanks are due to Katheryn Armstrong and to Ruby-Ann Nugent for their continued help and support in getting these much appreciated checks out.
- c) It is my expectation that when all is said and all is done, that MVC will meet it's budget.

3. Affordable Assisted Living:

- a) RS Consulting has been working to identify tax exempt bond financing options in order to be able to put some hard figures to their financial pro-forma. Given the clear preference to first look to go small by way of an addition to MVC I plan to work on additional options that could reduce costs further and make a potential project even more feasible.

4. Summary:

It has been over 3 months since we '*closed our doors*' and every day has presented itself with new challenges because of Covid. Things that used be easy --- scheduling a repair for example -- require a great deal of planning. I am pleased to report that our Staff and our Residents have done a great job in adjusting and adapting throughout!