

CHESTEM FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Meeting
August 23rd, 2011

Meeting facilitated by Deanna Richards
No family members in attendance

Old Business:

1. The July Department topic, "Introducing Vohra Wound Physicians" was provided by the facility Nursing Department, Director of Nursing Services, Jodie Smith, RN, BS

New Business:

1. The current topic of the month, "Building and Fire Safety" is being provided by the facility Environmental Services Department, Director of Environmental Services, Brenda Marinan, Administrator (see attached).
 2. The next Department Topic of the Month will be provided by the facility Dietician, Dorothy Runyeon
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The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 20th, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the facility Sun Room.

- **Please join us!!**
- **Please contact Deanna Richards, SW at (860) 873-6548 with any questions/comments.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Deanna Richards
Director of Social Services



CHESTEM FAMIL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, September 20, 2011

Review upcoming events

Review topics for future meetings

Visiting suggestions

Family input: _____

Family support: _____

Finances: _____

Food: _____

Housekeeping/Laundry: _____

Maintenance: _____

Nurses and cnas: _____

Recreation: _____

Therapy: _____

Topics for Discussion: _____

Suggestions for guest speakers: _____

****If you or a family member cannot attend a meeting, you can write suggestions next to the above agenda items and return it to Chestelm. (Attention Social Services)**

**CHESTEM HEALTH & REHABILITATION
FAMILY COUNCIL
BUILDING AND FIRE SAFETY**

We are required to meet the 2000 edition of the NFPA 101 (National Fire Protection Agency), Life Safety Code for Long Term Care Facilities and Physical Environment. We are inspected annually by the State of Connecticut, Department of Health, Building and Fire Safety Unit, as well as the local Fire Marshall.

Systems that are maintained to meet the above requirements include (but not limited to):

- Sprinkler Systems
- Smoke Detectors
- Heat Detectors
- Generators
- Elevators
- Water Storage Tanks
- Fire Alarm Systems
- Kitchen Exhaust Hoods and Extinguishing Systems
- Fire Doors, Walls, Windows
- Fire Dampers
- Fire Extinguishers
- Medical Equipment
- Medical Gas Systems (Oxygen)
- Patient Care Related Electrical Appliances and Equipment
- Finishes and Furnishings
- Fire Drills and Employee Training
- Relocation and Evacuation Plans

There are specific requirements unique to each of the above listed items. We have contracts with vendors who are scheduled throughout the year to fulfill each of the requirements. This book is kept in my office and anyone is welcome to come and take a look at it with me.

We were on emergency generator power for 4 days during Hurricane Irene. The importance of maintaining our building and equipment was never so apparent. We are happy to report that we maintained all services as if we were not on generator power with the exception of some minor lifestyle inconveniences, (such as loss of cable tv, loss of some lighting, etc.). We were also able to assist 4 other patients with temporary medical care during Hurricane Irene. We were also receiving notifications of other Health Care Facilities whose systems were failing and were inquiring about possible assistance. Chestelm Health and Rehabilitation Center is part of Connecticut Long Term Care, Region III, Mutual Aid Plan. We served on the planning committee and were very involved with its inception. This Plan was developed to assist all Nursing Facilities in seeking immediate assistance from each other in cases where full building evacuation was needed. We have developed and trained all of our staff on their duties for both our need to evacuate and our ability to assist in other facility evacuations.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.