



NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

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The Board of Directors met at Labdara on January 23rd.

1. **MEDICAL DIRECTOR** Dr. M. Valadka's annual report to the Board: Labdara has a roster of MDs who are on call and available to Labdara. The average age is 71 years and we need to plan for future coverage as MDs start to retire. Dr. Valadka asked that any complaints coming in regarding medical care, be addressed to him or the Administrator. A contributor to burn-out is the amount of harassment experienced by the MDs and staff from family members. However, it was pointed out during discussions, that family feels it their duty to advocate for their loved one in care - where is the appropriate forum in which their issues can be discussed?
2. **ADMINISTRATOR** Eric Harela's report: bed occupancy rate at Labdara is at 99.1%. All nursing care committees meet quarterly to discuss a variety of topics: skin and wound care, falls, infection control, etc. The resident Christmas Party was held on Sunday, Dec. 3rd and was very well attended. The Volunteer Christmas Party was held on Wednesday, Dec. 6th. It too was very well attended and people lingered in good fellowship for a while. Resident and Staff Satisfaction Surveys were administered in December and are being compiled now. Fire inspection and annual mandatory evacuation exercise took place at Labdara on Nov. 28th. We passed the inspection - no issues were identified. New resident dining tables and chairs have been installed in all dining rooms. Some residents prefer the old chairs and new ones will be phased in over time. We are still waiting for delivery of the larger sized glide chairs.
3. **ACC HOME MANAGER** Robert Berg's report: there are 33,000 on the waiting list for Long-Term Care home placement in Ontario. The average wait time is 3 years. Our CMI (Case management index which measures severity of care required by our residents) assessment by the Ministry resulted in a 1.6% increase for our nursing expenditures for this year. Four bids have come in from suppliers for a Video Security Camera system for Labdara (funds for this were raised by GALA 2016). Preparations are be-

ing made for Labdara's 2017 year-end audit by our external auditors Roger Chaplin & Co.

4. **TREASURER** Virginia Peciulis' & Book-keeper Arunas Morkunas' reports: funds in Labdara Foundation accounts were reviewed. The Board approved the reconciliation of the Foundation's 2017 year-end accounts and reviewed the Budget for 2018. Projects approved for implementation include: continuation of replacing outdoor seating for residents in garden and on all balconies with the new sturdy single seater chairs, nursing workstation upgrades with resulting flooring and painting where required, purchase of spare parts for the Nurse Call system and for the Magnetic Lock System at our entrance doors. Total amount approved \$105,400. BINGO funds were approved by the City to purchase: patient lifts and slings, wheelchair therapeutic cushions, therapeutic air control mattresses, tilt shower chairs, blanket warmers and weighted blankets. The Foundation's book-keeper will be working with our external auditors to prepare our financial statements for presentation at the AGM.
5. **2018 AGM:** The Board approved the motion to hold the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Labdara Foundation on Tuesday, April 10th at Labdara in Tado Svetaine. Registration at 6PM; call to order 7PM. A work plan with target dates was presented by our Secretary Daiva Vorps and approved by the Board. A Nominations Committee (Julija Simonelis, Chair & Rimas Petrauskas) was approved by the Board.
6. **FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP:** an invitation for resident caregivers and families from the lithuanian community to join the Labdara Foundation as members is being prepared by Director Rauda Dickinson and will be included in the monthly invoices mail-out before April.
7. **TORONTO CHALLENGE** walk for Labdara will take place on Sunday, June 10th this year. Activation Department staff will be organizing Team Labdara with the assistance of Board Directors.
8. **FAMILY COUNCIL** has been formed with Laima Underys, Liucija Kaminskas and Rasa Buksaitis-Wilkinson serving as coordinators. The first meeting of Labdara's Family Council this year will be held on Sunday, March 25th at 1:00PM in Tado Svetaine common room at Labdara.

