

**VALLEY VIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
(VIRTUAL)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023
2:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Michael Amo, Chairman
Michael D. Paduch, Peter V. Tuohy, Alicia D'Amico, Paul Wiley, Laurence LaDue,
Rosemary Kukys

ALSO

PRESENT: Katie Bonelli, Chairwoman
Betsy N. Abraham Esq., Legislative Counsel
Stacy Butler, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Dr. Alicia Pointer, Commissioner of Health
Lisa K. Lahiff, Deputy Commissioner of Health
AnnMarie Maglione, Director, Office for the Aging
Elaine McClung, Chair, Orange County Planning Board
Joseph Ranni, Esq., Ranni Law Firm, PLLC
Mary Beth Quaranta Morrissey, Esq., PhD, MPH, JD, Assoc. Prof. and Director,
PHD Program, Yeshiva University
Douglas J. Hovey, President and CEO, Independent Living Inc.

Mr. Amo opened the committee meeting at 2:03 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present with the exception of Ms. D'Amico who arrived at 2:11 p.m.

Mr. Amo addressed the committee and explained that they are exploring various options to eventually create an RFPs. The discussion today is for information only. Ms. Maglione also has a potential option for the committee to discuss in the future.

Mr. Amo introduced Elder and Disability Attorney Joseph Ranni, Esq., Ranni Law Firm, PLLC who submitted a concept on the Green House Project not-for-profit at the last meeting.

Mr. Ranni, Ms. Morrissey and Mr. Hovey introduced themselves to the committee and provided brief overviews of their careers.

The concept suggests creating a model that would consist of privately owned apartments and/or condominiums in an integrated community over a multi-year development. The homes would be exempt from medicaid rules and avoid dependency on medicaid. It would provide a supportive environment, community-based services and support, reduce isolation, non-medicaid in home supports, and small residence that could include spouses and/or children in furtherance of home care.

Discussion continued on affordable housing, economic scale, sustainability, transitional housing, central living, non-care services, use of local developers, creating change, overnight care, low to middle income eligibility, building size of ten to twelve units, affordable housing, connecting to people including not-for-profits, targeting individuals just above the medicaid threshold, being open and eligible to various populations, in home supports in an apartment building setting, on possible ownership/rental model, public and private collaborations, quality of life, multi-level partnerships,

uses for the Parry Building, the Valley View property being a prime location, work with existing facility, money for planning and RFP, need for master plan, \$250,000.00 for high level site plan, reach out to our local assembly and senate members to secure funding, Governor Hochul's endorsement of the Green House Model and her support of long-term care, \$50 million in state budget, developing the site in stages, financial aspects, Green House designs with Pace Program, GHP at John Knox Village a Senior Living Community in Florida, GHP has been endorsed and supported by parents of children with disabilities, future of home care and providing a choice on how and where to live and the suggestion that representatives from the Green House Project present at next meeting.

Action Items:

- Invite representatives of the Green House Project to the next meeting (Joseph Ranni),
- Submit any comments and/or questions to Chairman Amo via email (Committee Members and invited attendees)

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.