

**VALLEY VIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
(VIRTUAL)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023
3:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Michael Amo, Chairman
Michael D. Paduch, Peter V. Tuohy, Paul Wiley, Laurence LaDue

ALSO

PRESENT: Katie Bonelli, Chairwoman
Betsy N. Abraham Esq., Legislative Counsel
Michael Torelli, Assistant to the County Executive
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
Nicole Andersen, Director, Community Development
Elaine McClung, Chair, Orange County Planning Board
Joseph Ranni, Esq., Ranni Law Firm, PLLC
Douglas J. Hovey, President and CEO, Independent Living Inc.
Kathleen Goff, The Green House Project

Mr. Amo opened the committee meeting at 3:33 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present with the exception of Mses. D'Amico and Kukys, who were absent.

On the agenda was a presentation on the Green House Project.

Mr. Amo asked that Mr. Ranni introduce Ms. Goff who presented a brief power point presentation (on file in Clerk, Legislative Office) on the Green House model.

Ms. Goff explained that Green House was started twenty years ago in Tupelo, Mississippi to provide residents more privacy and control over their lives. The Green House model is a radically transformative paradigm shift and comprehensive change. This is done through the following: living the core values of a Meaningful Life: deep knowing relationships, autonomy & control, purposeful engagements, honoring natural rhythms and social connectedness. Real Home: small homes of 10-12 people per home, private rooms and baths, hearth area, access to outside, open kitchens with meals prepared in the home. Empowered Staff: leadership roles, creating a coaching culture and shared decision-making, self-managed work teams, high-performing teams, education, disseminating of information, ownership of roles and responsibilities and balancing support and accountability. A Green House home places the elderly at the heart of the organizational chart, redefines roles/responsibilities of all core staff with a radical change in leadership style coaching and participative decision making. The Green House model is not just a small house movement, but a movement to deinstitutionalize, destigmatize and humanize care for all people, so they can live a meaningful and purposeful life. The transformation from an institutional model to a real home environment is not just the right thing to do, it's good business practice.

Discussion followed on the Green House mission, long-term care landscape, case-mix index, percentage of residents on medicaid, workforce challenges, turnover data, occupancy data, average cost per day versus traditional nursing homes, revenue, possible downsizing of facility, elder peer network, housing needs for the developmentally disabled and elders, quality of life, operations including food prep, laundry and cleaning, sustainability, using local developers, connecting to people including not-for-profits, work with existing facility on renovations to fit model, ease of new construction, certifications, Green House designs with Pace Program, 4,000 Green Homes in forty-two states and possible tour of a Green House home.

Mr. Amo thanked Ms. Goff and Messrs. Ranni and Hovey for introducing them to the Green House Project concept.

Mr. Amo explained that the committee has discussed several options to help ensure Valley View's sustainability. He highlighted the possibility of a long-term care campus, making Valley View sustainable, senior housing aspect, aging in place, veteran services, financing, medicaid, Green House model, collaborative model, free standing condominiums, welcome center, and various other ideas. They need to narrow this down so they can go to the legislature and County Executive with their recommendations for the Valley View property and with the assistance of the executive branch and Department of General Services a poll will be distributed to committee members. He emphasized that they must narrow this down to create a Request for Information (RFI) or Request for Proposal (RFP).

Chairwoman Bonelli stated that they have come to a fork in the road and need to decide on what the goal is, if there is a market out there for it, and who would want to be involved in their plan. They need to focus on creating a report that can be presented to leadership and the executive branch, and they need to make sure that the interest is there with an RFI. She suggested they focus on the report and synopsis and get an RFI out.

Action Items:

- Supply list of Green House homes to the committee via email (Kathleen Goff)
- Conduct poll with the assistance of the Executive Branch and Department of General Services (Alicia D'Amico and Samantha Sweikata)

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.