

LASATA CARE CENTER 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

The most time consuming project this past year was the development of the Lasata Crossings RCAC. During the first part of the year many hours were spent finalizing the design plans and construction documents. After the bidding was complete construction started in June and this project continues to involve a lot of time and effort on the part of staff and Aging/Long Term Care Committee members.

In July we down-sized our licensed bed capacity from 201 to 190. This was done for two reasons, first to make many of the older 1966-era double rooms more comfortable and efficient as single rooms. But also to adjust our capacity downward because of continued lower census. In Wisconsin from 1995-2008 licensed nursing home bed capacity dropped by 22% from 48,000 beds to 37,500 beds as other options such as home-care and assisted living are made available and affordable for nursing home candidates. At the same time assisted living units have increased from 17,000 to 38,000 units.

We continued to repair, update and replace systems in our 43 year old facility. We replaced a couple bath tubs with modern whirlpool bathing systems. We repaired a chiller, a boiler and replaced faucets, heating valves, smoke detectors, several fire doors and the resident wandering alert system as well as the entry security systems throughout the building. We replaced wallpaper, flooring and cabinetry in resident rooms. We finally completed replacement of our failing water and sewer service lines.

Due to the need for fewer staff from downsizing and the slow economy we were able to fill and maintain our staffing levels much easier than in the past 4-5 years. Not surprisingly we had record levels of staff applying for Health Insurance benefits as spouses are losing jobs or benefits in the private sector.

Lasata's budgeted operating deficit was \$95,367 and the actual un-audited operating deficit was \$215,769. This deficit will be covered with transfers from the Lasata Heights surplus.

Total Operating Revenues were 0.5% (\$69,775) under budget because of our lower than expected census. Room & Board revenues were 4.6% (\$604,775) below budget. Our Medicaid (T19) daily rate increased by 8% to \$152/day but was still \$56 per day below actual expenses. We did receive an additional \$423,000 (\$28/residents/day) in Supplemental Payment funds to offset our Medicaid losses, this in effect cut our Medicaid losses per day in half.

Total Operating Expenses were 0.4% (\$50,627) over budget, wages and fringes were \$517,725 over budget but outside pool agency costs were \$383,570 under budget so our net staffing cost were \$134,156 over budget.

Occupancy levels in Wisconsin nursing homes continued to average about 85% but Lasata's average occupancy was 94% (184 beds filled daily). Seventeen percent of our residents were Private Pay funded, 75% were Medicaid (T19), 5% were Medicare (T18), 2% were Family Care and <1% were Managed Care.

A total of 120 new residents were admitted during the year. Seventy three percent of these new admissions came from an acute care hospital with

Medicare coverage. A total of 127 residents were permanently discharged during the year. Thirty seven were discharged back to their home and 14 went to some type of Hospice or Assisted Living facility. Seventy five residents died at Lasata during the year.

Thirty seven percent of our residents had Alzheimer's, Dementia or some other brain disorder as their primary diagnosis and 24% were diagnosed with some form of cardiovascular/heart disease, 14% had diabetes or obesity, 6% had a fracture, 7% had cancer and the remaining 12% had a variety and mixture of individual illnesses and diseases.

Goals for 2010 include completion and opening of the Lasata Crossings RCAC assisted living facility to start a new era of services on the Lasata Campus. This will continue the County's tradition of support for a safe living environment for elderly citizens. We also look to continued remodeling and upgrade to our 43 year old physical plant and creative and unique ways to control staffing costs and operating expenses while still providing that high level of quality care that we are known for throughout the community and the industry.

LASATA CROSSINGS (RCAC) ASSISTED LIVING

The County Board authorized a \$10 million Bond Issue to develop a 60-unit Residential Care Apartment Complex (RCAC) assisted living facility. Construction started in the summer of 2009 and should be completed in June of 2010 with occupancy for July of 2010. At year-end 2009 construction was 47% complete and construction costs were \$3,880,000.

There will be 6 studio, 48 1-bedroom and 6 2-bedroom apartments in the Crossings. It will be connected to the Lasata Heights building by a shared common-use area. This area will have a beauty/barber shop, wellness/exercise room, activity/multi-purpose rooms, library, and offices and will serve as the main entry/lobby for both facilities.

Tenants will have the option of being provided meals in a main dining room or making them in their own apartments. There will be 3 levels of service offered base on their medical, physical and social needs and abilities.

Submitted by the Ozaukee County Aging and Long Term Care Committee and the Lasata Care Center Administrator.