

## **Resident Council Meeting**

2/17/2021 at 1:00pm in Alpha's Dining Room

### **Staff Members Leading:**

Sarah Pedretti, Life Enrichment Coordinator

Robert McInnes, Administrator

### **What is resident council?**

An organized, decision-making group of long-term care residents meeting regularly to voice their needs and concerns and to have input into culinary services, activities, policies, and issues affecting their lives in the facility.

This month the council was able to meet in a small group with necessary COVID-19 precautions. All residents were given the opportunity to voice any concerns, questions, or topics that they wished to bring up.

### **Residents in Attendance:**

**One resident suggested that everyone go around and introduce themselves, so every resident who was able introduced themselves.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Nutritional Services:**

The residents were all very happy with the noon meal today of salmon. They said that they would love to have it again. One resident said that he would like to see more hamburgers and BBQ on the menu. Two other residents within the council asked that there be more meals WITHOUT onions as neither of them like onions. There were no other concerns or questions.

*Follow Up::*

*None.*

### **Nursing:**

The residents had no concerns with the nursing staff. Residents said that they are doing a good job! One resident did believe that she had gotten two shots already and was wondering what the other shot was for if it wasn't her second COVID shot.

### **Life Enrichment:**

One resident suggested planting shallot or pearl onions out in the garden this next year. A resident asked to have cards, checkers, chess, and cribbage available for the residents to use. The resident suggested they be kept in the dining rooms. Another resident asked to play cards for money, and in response, a different resident suggested they use bingo chips

instead and then get a prize. The residents were asked what they would like the Life Enrichment Department to bring in once the facility is open again; the residents all said music.

### **Environmental Services:**

The residents had no concerns or questions to bring forward.

### **Other questions/comments/concerns/feedback:**

Rob McInnes joined the resident council today, and shared some information with the residents. The next COVID vaccine clinic will be March 9<sup>th</sup> where most residents will receive their second COVID shot and a few others will receive their first who were unable to get the first dose in February. Rob also informed the residents of the reorganization of closets throughout the building to assist care staff with getting all of the supplies that they need easily and quickly. It is hoped that this reorganization will increase the efficiency on the floor. Lastly, Rob excitingly told the residents about a possible reopen date of June 1, 2021. Rob said that he is keeping his ears open, listening to State and DHS about de-escalation of precautions. Rob also hopes to de-escalate the PPE needed in the building once all or most residents have received their second dose of the COVID vaccine.