

**Minutes
Long Range Planning Committee
Developmental Disabilities Resource Board
920 S. Kent St. Liberty, Mo
August 19, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM. Present at the meeting were Gary Steinman, Chair, Pat Schoenrade, Alan Naylor, Brian O'Malley and guests from Concerned Care: Barbara Griggs, Pete Hall, Janet White and Cindy Sevier.

Gary started by reviewing the purpose of the meeting: To clarify Concerned Care's interest, if any, has in purchasing the group homes. Barbara stated that it was only their interest to purchase if the DDRB intended to sell the homes and not continue to rent. Otherwise they would prefer to maintain the current rental status.

Pete Hall said he did not believe any decision to purchase could be made without some figures to work with to make an informed decision. Gary said that it is important that everyone have a common understanding going forward. Pete Hall agreed and added that but, with the figures from an appraisal the Concerned Care Board may find it in their best interest to own certain homes. Alan added he thought an appraisal was also needed for the Board Owned Property Committee to determine the value of the property the Board owned. With that Pete and Gary discussed making that recommendation to the full board and discussed possible appraisers.

Next the group addressed the Sherwood House situation. Cindy Sevier expressed the hope that Sherwood House could be sold in order to fund a new house that was more suitable. Barbara said there are eight residents in Sherwood House who could be relocated to two separate houses of four residents each. She believes this is the best solution. Brian asked if the changes in focus away from group home funding was not of concern to the Board of Concerned Care. Barbara reviewed the contract status her agency has with the State and that it is good. She believes there are other voices refuting the direction away from group homes.

Gary said that he would convey this to the full board for their consideration. Cindy Sevier said she would hope that the issue of housing would continue to be examined by the DDRB and perhaps new and better homes could be developed in the future.

Gary then restated that it was his intent to recommend the DDRB Board approve acquiring appraisals and would convey that decision back to the group along with the appraisals when received for further discussion. Gary said the group would be called together again when the information came back. Gary thanked everyone for coming.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian O'Malley