

Client and Care Partner Council Minutes

Date: May 28, 2026

Time: 10:00am – 11:30am

Location: McCormick Dementia Services Education Room

Attendees:

Staff: Elizabeth Hardy, Day Program Manager, Becky Clark, Director, Tara Machacek, Social Worker, Phoebe Blancas, Resident Co-ordinator

Caregivers: Donna H., Doug M., Muriel A., Claire D

Agenda Item	Discussion Items and Decisions	Actions Required
Review of Disrupting Dementia Services Symposium	• Muriel found it to be an enlightening day, however there were still issues and concerns raised. • There was a discussion around neurocognitive terminology: Clarification regarding the use of neurocognitive disorder and what is the change/update • Becky suggested recreating an educational awareness campaign to improve public awareness and education for caregivers and family members and to introduce understanding of dementia or neurocognitive disorders in homes and families	
Client Brochure	• Elizabeth presented a sample brochure which includes information on daily activities, transportation, outdoor spaces, and other supportive programs. • The brochure background is still being finalized, with plans to incorporate higher contrast color to ensure its dementia friendly. • Becky recommended to introduce the brochure to care coordinators, families, and other day programs as an educational resource.	
Care Partner Retreat 2026	• Planning for this year's Care Partner Retreat has already begun • Riverstone has reached out to participate and will host the event this year. • Tentative date will be last Saturday in September and the proposed time is 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. • It will be hosted onsite at Riverstone while respite will still be offered at McCormick. • Plans include a fully catered lunch and there will also be a creative activity session following lunch. • Final event date is still to be confirmed	
Maggie's Run	• A campaign is being planned for September 12 which will feature clients or resident's name, such as "I'm Walking for Bob", with consent from the family and promote in social media. • Family members will be encouraged to participate • Virtual participation option will also be available	

Quality Data Reporting	The Board requested further review into possible reasons or contributing factors regarding the number of falls occurring during overnight stays.	
Overnight Respite Survey and Strategies	- An overnight respite survey was launched last week to better understand the reasons for low occupancy and unused beds - There was a discussion regarding the overnight respite beds that frequently remained empty or have had only a few bookings	
Annual PD Day Review	- The event took place on Tuesday, and the evaluation was positive overall. - The presentation portion lasted approximately two hours and concluded with a one-hour sound bath activity, which was well received by participants.	
Grant Update	- Elizabeth re-applied for the Seniors Community Grant that would support a social work position, including backfill coverage and additional social work assistance. - ADP notified of successful awarding of Vital People Award Grant. \$2000 has been awarded to put towards funding for Health Care Workers Emotional Wellness Training to benefit ADP Staff.	

Next meeting: Thursday, July 23rd, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.