

Mr. Kelsey stated that meals generally consist of chicken/meatloaf/fish or an Italian dish based on any particular dietary restrictions of a patient.

Councillor Preusser suggested that strong consideration be given to allowing the patients, when possible, to select their meals from a menu.

Mr. Kelsey stated that discussions are currently ongoing at the Manor regarding the issue.

At this time, Councillor Vellucci requested a report be prepared and submitted to the Committee explaining why a transfer of \$320,000 was made from the Salary and Wage Account of the Manor to the Health and Hospital Dept. Said report should indicate the number of unfilled jobs and the length of time vacancies existed.

Mr. Mulcahey, Assistant Administrator, stated that some vacancies had never been filled essentially because as time went on it became apparent they did not have to be filled since other people already hired were doing the job.

Mr. Lynskey added that once the additional 30 beds are in place the Manor will need 17 new positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A. M.

For the Committee,

Councillor Alfred E. Vellucci
Chairman

City of Cambridge

In City Council.....

The City Council **Committee** on Health and Hospitals, comprised of Councillor Alfred E. Vellucci, Chairman, and Councillor Mary Ellen Preusser held a meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, July 10, 1979 at 9 A. M. in the Board Room of the ~~to which~~ Neville Manor.

Councillor Vellucci opened the meeting by requesting Mr. Lynskey, Administrator of the Manor, to review the feasibility of entering into a contract with a cleaning company or other organization with the purpose in mind of removing smells and odors from the Manor. He further stated that although it was not a serious problem at the Manor, this is something to look into as a preventive measure.

Councillor Vellucci further stated that Councillor Duehay had brought to his attention a series of complaints that he received from Ms. Marie Christofaro relative to the Manor. Councillor Vellucci requested the Deputy City Clerk to report to the Committee on this matter.

Mr. Connarton, Deputy City Clerk, stated that he had spoken to Ms. Christofaro at Councillor Duehay's request and she indicated that she had the following concerns:
1) The first floor of the Manor was not properly cleaned; and 2) The nursing staff should be increased and an additional Nursing Supervisor should be hired.

Mr. Lynskey, at this time, responded by stating that he had received a call from Councillor Crane regarding a complaint **Reports**, from Ms. Christofaro indicating that she did not believe the Manor was cleaned properly. He further stated that the Manor is cleaned on a daily basis and that the nursing staff was adequate. He further stated that a relative of Ms. Christofaro has been a patient at the Manor for approximately three years and he has had previous discussions with the family in the past regarding other complaints.

Mr. Kelsy, Director of Food Services at the Manor, stated that the patient involved was on a low grade sodium puree diet which unfortunately takes the taste out of the food.

Councillor Vellucci then questioned Mr. Lynskey as to the number of times the Health Policy Board meets at the Manor and what is discussed.

Mr. Lynskey responded by stating that the Policy Board meets approximately once a month and the discussions generally cover overall recreational activities for the patients. He further stated that the agenda for these meetings is prepared by the Health Policy Board.

At this point, Councillor Vellucci questioned whether or not the Manor received any federal surplus food.

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