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SUBJECT: Consolidation of Assisted Living Services at the Wisconsin Veterans Home-Union Grove

Consolidation of Assisted Living Services at the Wisconsin Veterans Home-Union Grove

Experience has taught us through the last decade that with 123 beds of assisted living level of care at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in Union Grove (WVH-UG) that this service is "over-sized" in relation to the size of our skilled nursing services at Boland Hall, which has 120 beds. In order to improve efficiencies with the assisted living level of care, the number of beds should be around one-third (40-50 beds) the size of our skilled nursing facility.

Therefore, effective immediately, admissions into the assisted living level of care will be suspended at the WVH-UG. The purpose of this action is to gradually reduce, **through natural attrition**, our current total assisted living census from 47 to 40 in order to consolidate the members at Shemanske and Fairchild Halls into one facility, which will be Fairchild Hall. It is very important to remember that WVH-UG will remain committed to caring for our current assisted living members. The employees currently working at Shemanske Hall will be assigned to work at either Boland or Fairchild Halls. These actions will facilitate the achievement of our goals of filling vacancies, reducing the need for overtime and our reliance of expensive contracted staff.

Expansion of Skilled Nursing Services at the Wisconsin Veterans Home-Union Grove

The WVH-UG will expedite the conversion of Gates Hall, currently licensed as a 42-bed assisted living facility (RCAC), into a 38 bed skilled nursing facility (SNF). This expansion will increase the total number of skilled nursing home beds from 120 to 158, to better meet demand for skilled nursing care at our Home.

If you have any questions, please contact Randall Nitschke, NHA; Division Administrator of Wisconsin Veterans Homes, at (262) 878-6752.