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Amesbury Health Care Trust Commission Meeting

Open Assistance meeting 4:00-4:30

Time: 4:30 to 5:30pm

City Hall, Amesbury

Present: K Lucy, D Boyle, S Jutras, E Hughes

Excused: N Baxter

1. Case Reviews:

Case number	Request	Discussion	Action
20-001	85.81		Approve
20-002	90.00		Approve
	179.12	\$615.00 Pd to Portsmouth copy of check sent to client	Approve
20-003	0.00	No invoice submitted	N/A
20-004	115.11		Approve
	78.48		Hold for original invoice

- June minutes approved as written
- Following discussion it was recommended to simplify the process for applicants to submit documentation for proof of residency. S Jutras will draft a form for review and discussion at the June meeting.
- A discussion ensued regarding the cost of yearly grants awarded and the sustainability of Trust money for individual use. The Commission identified the need to review current criteria for dispensing Trust funds. In order to ensure the Trust continues in perpetuity and benefit the maximum number of Amesbury Residents it is necessary to review and revise the current eligibility criteria. Following lengthy discussion Commission members voted to make the following changes.

Eliminate Community Grants

Lower the annual eligibility cap to \$1500.00

Eliminate **payments** for items not directly related to patient medical/surgical invoices

Such as service pets and nutritional products

Analyze the past data to determine impact of raising the denial of minimal payments such as less than \$25.00. this will be discussed at the July-August meeting.

All changes will be effective July 1, 2019. Current patients being directly affected will be called and followed with a letter.

- Senior Center Application assistance:
A discussion ensued regarding the efficacy of Trust members going to the Senior Center on the first Friday of the month for assistance regarding potential Trust Funds. Elizabeth spoke with Doreen who described a thorough process involving herself and interns. She will reinforce the need for an original invoice and copy of ID. Following discussion, it was voted to stop attending on a monthly basis and be available via phone should someone need assistance.
 - Next meetings: August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19.
- Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lucy