

Staff Interviews #2

1. How frequently did individuals go out for entertainment in the past month?

Staff Response: Daily. It's their choice.

2.What types of community groups or other activities in the community do individuals engage in? Who do individuals usually go with? How do individuals get there?

Staff Response:

Attend pinochle at the senior center/senior center events, church groups, farmers market, library events, various activities with family, anything they want. Individuals attend with family/friends, church members, assisted living offsite activities, etc. Transportation includes family/friends, personal vehicle, church members, assisted living activity bus, Bitterroot Public Bus, Taxi services if needed, etc.

3.Do individuals have any activities they are required to attend?

Staff Response: No, its always the choice of the member to attend all activities.

4. How do individuals see or make plans with their friends when they wish?

Staff Response: Make plans by calling or scheduling plans in person with friends. No visitor restrictions and members choice how they visit with friends. Visitors welcome to visit the facility anytime including an overnight or member welcome to leave the facility.

5. How frequently can individuals see and/or communicate with their families.

Staff Response: No restrictions. Members choice the frequency of contact.

6. How do individuals get places when they want to do something outside of the home?

Staff Response:

Transportation includes family/friends, personal vehicle, church members, assisted living activity bus, Bitterroot Public Bus, Taxi services if needed, etc. Facility can assist with coordination transportation for the member if the member asks the transportation coordinator. Facility has scheduled offsite activities including shopping at Walmart/Super One Grocery store and many other activities.

7.Do any individuals have a competitive, integrated, paid job or volunteer in the community. Staff Response:

Not aware of any individuals with a paid job. A few residents volunteer in the community at The Clothes Closet aka The Free store.

8.Do individuals vote in local, state or federal elections?

Staff Response: Yes, if they want to vote.

9.What happens if individuals choose not to leave their home to attend planned activities or are otherwise unable to do so?

Staff Response:

Member choice what they do. Facility has activities members can always access such as books, coloring/crafts, watching tv, playing pool, using exercise bike, visiting with turtle or birds.

10. How do individuals choose what to buy with their money and how do they go out and spend it?

Staff Response:

Facility is not involved regarding what an individual wants to spend money on. There are opportunities to shop offsite, order items online or there is a weekly shopping document residents can fill out for activities department to purchase items.

11. How do individuals dictate their daily schedule?

Staff Response:

They can do whatever they want. Try to accommodate member preferences regarding day/time prefer to shower or do laundry if needing assistance. Set mealtimes but staff can save meals for residents or alternative food options available whenever the resident wants. Different food options including soup, snacks, sandwich supplies, icecream, coffee, alternative beverages accessible to residents in kitchen. Can ask staff for a different option. Able to have personal snacks in their rooms. Rooms have a microwave and mini refrigerator. No restrictions as long as resident isnt doing something unsafe or against facility policy such as smoking or lighting a candle.