

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Carpenter Home

Mission Statement

The mission of the Carpenter Home Elderly Care Facility is to provide high quality residential care services (assisted living) to residents of Swanzey and surrounding towns. The owner/operator of the Carpenter Home, the Town of Swanzey, is committed to providing services to those in financial need, while at the same time assuring for the long-term financial viability of the facility.

Goals and Objectives

1. Enhance the quality of the services provided to residents at the Carpenter Home, including not only upgrades to the physical plant and equipment, but also through enhanced staff training and recruitment of additional staff. (Ongoing)
2. Complete renovations to add four additional resident rooms, upgrade license to allow occupancy of up to 16 residents, from current maximum occupancy of 11. This goal has been met.
3. Develop and implement a marketing and public relations program for the Carpenter Home, not only to enhance the facility's visibility in Swanzey, but also to attract additional private pay clientele to the Home. (Ongoing)
4. Develop and maintain revenue sources for the facility, not only to offset the subsidy provided to Medicaid/Home & Community Based Care (HCBC) residents, but also to provide the Town of Swanzey with a positive cash flow from the operation of the Home. Limit the number of beds receiving Medicaid payments to 4 (2 male, 2 female). (Ongoing)
5. Provide short-term and long-term respite care services to clientele of the Carpenter Home. (Short-term respite care would range from a weekend up to several weeks, while long-term respite care would average 3-6 months). Clients could include private pay, Medicaid, or agencies such as MDS. (Continuing)
6. Provide transitional housing services of up to 6 months in an assisted living environment to seniors who might be on a waiting list for specific housing, such as Housing & Urban Development (HUD) housing. This service would be coordinated with and partially funded by agencies

such as the Keene Housing Authority, Southwestern Community Services, or the City of Keene Human Services Department. (4th Quarter 2002) It was determined in 2015 that this goal was not feasible.

7. Investigate the feasibility of renovating additional areas of the Carpenter Home to provide additional resident rooms and/or apartments, including the upstairs area and the barn. (Fiscal year 2004) It was determined in 2015 that this goal was not financially feasible.

8. Investigate the feasibility of adding additional services as needed by the community, such as adult day care. (2003) This goal has been met vis-à-vis adult day care.

9. Position the Carpenter Home to be more of a community-centered healthcare and health promotion center, with the ability to provide resources to the community at large. (2003) It was determined in 2015 that this goal was not feasible.

10. Seek additional grant funding from a variety of sources to assist in accomplishing the above-stated goals. (Ongoing)

11. Investigate the feasibility of developing other services and/or facilities on the adjacent 230 acre parcel, such as other types of housing or assisted living facilities. (2003-2004) As of 2015, this continues to be a desired goal.