

Minutes

Meeting Date: June 15, 2021

Name of Committee/Meeting: Resident Advisory Council

Venue: MP 1, 2 and 3

Time: 1000 (MP1), 1400 (MP2), and 1500 (MP3) hrs

1. Present/Apologies:

30 Residents
3 Recreation Staff
1 Social Worker/Social Work student
1 Spiritual Care

- **Call Meeting to Order**
- Miriam led the Council in an opening prayer dedicated to World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- **New residents/members** were introduced.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Residents were provided with purple ribbons to signify acknowledgement of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.


Misericordia Place Bill of Rights and Responsibilities states that residents have the right to care that is free from abuse, neglect and reprisal.

Breanne, Social Work student led the meetings with a discussion about elder abuse. Residents reviewed the definition of elder abuse, including the types of abuse: financial, emotional, physical, medical, neglect and sexual. Residents provided their understanding of each type of abuse giving examples and sharing their perspective. Residents discussed ways of preventing elder abuse and reviewed who an abuser may be.

Residents discussed what action to take if they have experienced abuse or have witnessed abuse. Most residents noted that they would disclose to their family and/or a trusted staff member within the facility.

Residents are aware that elder abuse is reportable. Breanne explained the reporting process and the role of the Protection for Persons in Care office.

Residents were assured that all allegations of abuse are dealt with in a timely manner.



Several residents noted that they have been receiving mail and phone calls that are stating they must pay out money to, for example, Canada Revenue. Breanne discussed scams and how to prevent becoming a victim of scams/frauds.

Residents expressed appreciation for the information about elder abuse and indicated that they are hopeful that all elders will be protected.