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| I. RESIDENT BODYA. Shall be composed of residents.B. Shall meet monthly for resident business, which shall include:1. Hearing reports from officers and committees.2. Approval of a budget and spending plan.3. To elect a minimum of two officers annually as follows;a. President - mandatoryb. Vice-President - mandatoryc. Secretary - optionald. Treasurer - optionalC. Annually elect by wings, or as positions become available, a Resident Senate, as follows; At least 3 from A-wing and 3 from B/C-wing.II. RESIDENT SENATEA. The Senate shall be composed of:1. Officers2. Senators3. Staff and Community RepresentativesB. The Senate shall meet in open session at least quarterly with monthly meetings encouraged.1. Open sessions means open to residents.2. Votes shall be in open session.3. Closed sessions can be held for frank discussion.C. Senate business shall include:1. Fund raising.2. Disbursement of funds as authorized by the Resident Body.3. Advise officers on policies and procedures.4. Work to improve relations between residents, staff and administration.5. Whatever other business the Resident Body shall assign to it.D. The Senate shall not;1. Impose fees, dues, or fines on residents without a vote of the Resident Body.2. Make direct judgments on residents.3. Do anything in contradiction with the "Patients Bill of Rights."4. Have powers not stated herein nor given to it by the Resident Body. |
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| E. The officers elected by the Resident Body shall serve in their same capacity in the Senate.F*.* The Senate shall organize such committees as it deems necessary. Such committees shall be chaired by Senators, but should be composed of both Senators and non-Senators.III. OFFICERS, DUTIES OF:A. President:1. Shall have traditional executive powers.2. Shall meet as necessary with administration to go over requests and concerns of residents.3. Shall have other powers and/or duties given them by the Resident Body and/or Senate.B. Vice-President:1. Shall assist the President as may be necessary.2. Shall assume the office of President, either temporarily or permanently as may be necessary.3. Shall have other powers given to them by the Resident Body and/or Senate.C. Secretary:1. Shall record, keep a file in the office minutes of meetings of the Resident Body and Senate.2. Shall keep and maintain records for the Resident Body.3. Shall have other powers and/or duties given them by the Resident Body and/or Senate.D. Treasurer:1. Shall control and record monies under the control of the Resident Body.2. Shall report to meetings of the Resident Body and Senate (such reports shall be posted on bulletin boards on both wings).3. Shall have other powers and/or duties given to them by the Resident Body and/or Senate.Officers of Resident Council shall not exhibit memory and/or behavior problems that may inhibit their ability to function as an officer. This judgment shall be made via the MDS 3.0 and will be discussed among the Interdisciplinary Treatment team to determine a resident's ability to effectively carry out functions associated with their designated office. If memory and/or behavior deficits interfere with an officer's duties during an elected term, the IDT will redetermine that individuals appropriateness for office and will suggest to the Resident Council officers that individual be replaced by residents more suitable for the duties. The replacement shall be again voted on per resident body. The resident removed will be prompted to remain in Resident Council in some other manner (i.e. senate, committees). |
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| IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEA. Shall be composed of officers and other persons the President may appoint.B. Shall function as an advisory counsel to the President.C. Shall not have power except those given to it by the Resident Body and/or Senate.V. STAFF REPRESENTATIVEThe Administrator shall appoint a staff member to advise and coordinate activities of the Resident Body and Senate.VI. PROCEDURESResident Body and Senate meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.IX. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTThis Constitution shall be adopted and amended by:1. A vote of approval of the Board of Directors. |
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