



COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO

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County Auditor Fraud/Waste/Abuse Hotline Report

Incident Number: 1516709864

Date Received: January 23, 2018

Type of Incident (As indicated by complainant): Compliance and Regulation Violations

Summary of Complaint: Complainant correctly indicates that an “interim nursing home director” has replaced the former administrator. Complainant indicates to believe that the County “rules and regulations require this type of appointment to be approved by the board of directors”.

Auditors Office Response:

We believe there are two County Ordinances that address the complaint

County Ordinance Sec. 2-49. – Chairman Pro Tem states (administrative responsibilities) states “The county board chairman shall have the authority to suspend, discharge or re-move the county administrator or the administrator of the River Bluff Nursing Home without the approval of the county board”.

County Ordinance Sec. 2-111. – Administrator of River Bluff Nursing Home states “The administrator of the River Bluff Nursing Home shall be appointed by the county board chairman with the advice and consent of the county board and shall serve at the pleasure of the county board chairman”.

We believe the replacement (removal) of the former administrator is within the authority of the County Board Chairman as granted by the County Board by County Ordinance in Sec. 2-81. We believe the appointment of the current administrator is strictly a short-term situation while certain long-term business strategies of the nursing home are being contemplated and County Ordinance Sec. 2-111 does not apply.

We have forwarded a copy of the following to the County Board Office for further consideration:

- Original complaint
- Ordinance 2-49 and 2-111
- Copy of this letter

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