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From: Stephen Giesbrecht
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 8:03 AM
To: gbird09@gmail.com
Cc: Jody Tow; Assembly
Subject: RE: MVM Elderly Housing

Gina, the Assembly continues to work with our Federal Lobbyist and the Delegation to help understand the status of future federal funding. Unfortunately, there appears to be a large gap between the actions of the DOGE group and what our delegation understands are the impacts.

If we hear from Medicaid and HUD on the specifics of changes, we will let the residents know. We know only what appears in the news, and even that is difficult to fully understand. It is likely, people directly affected by reductions in HUD and Medicaid will receive communications from these federal agencies once decisions have been made. There is still some hope that Congress will stop short of these major cuts, but no one seems to know for sure. We also do not know what steps the State of Alaska may take. These decisions by the State and Federal administrations will drive the impact on us locally.

I wish we had more information to share.

Steve

From: gbird09@gmail.com <gbird09@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 7:37 PM
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Cc: Jody Tow <jtow@petersburgak.gov>; Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>
Subject: Re: MVM Elderly Housing

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Thank you for your reply, Steve. Can anyone on the assembly say if the Borough is coming together as a constituent and communicating with our Senators and representatives of what this could mean for our community's elderly population? Or does the Borough feel a responsibility to communicate to Petersburg residents of this real possibility that Medicaid and HUD assistance is not guaranteed and that they may need to prepare for a full pay model system? Honestly I am new to this need in our community so maybe MVM residents and their families are already planning for these possible changes.

I am considering writing a letter to the editor in this or next week's paper to bring light to this discussion. I won't lie, as a federal employee I am overwhelmed at the moment so I might not get the letter in by 5 pm tomorrow—it might have to be next week—but I hope the Borough assembly will help me fight for our elderly residents and the insurmountable costs of elderly care in our society.

Again, thank you for your public service!

Gina Esposito

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 22, 2025, at 10:50 AM, Stephen Giesbrecht <sgiesbrecht@petersburgak.gov> wrote:

Unfortunately, there is a real possibility of the continuing loss of federal funds, both Medicaid and HUD could be affected. While things can change, the Borough does not have the current resources to make up the difference and it sounds like the State of Alaska is in the same position. I cannot speak for the Assembly, but it likely the Borough would need to convert to a full pay model at both Elderly Housing and Assisted Living if there was a loss of these federal subsidies.

I am sorry I cannot reassure you right now. This is clearly a tough time for the State and our community.

Steve

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From: gbird09@gmail.com <gbird09@gmail.com>
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Subject: MVM Elderly Housing

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Hello all,

I would like to express to you my concerns about how the loss of federal funding could affect Mountain View Manor and its Elderly Housing residents.

My parents are moving to Petersburg in May, into an apartment at the manor, and will be relying on the subsidized funds that HUD provides. So as you can imagine I am pretty alarmed about the Trump administration's federal spending cuts and the very real possibility this will extend to HUD. I know everything has been happening so fast and this is a whirlwind right now but is the borough planning to discuss how the loss of HUD funding would affect elderly housing at MVM? It sounds like HUD covers about 70% of the revenues. Can the borough cover this if that goes away, and if not, are there other programs out there that can help?

It looks like HUD staff (possibly 80%?) are now being eliminated in the latest wave of federal employee firings, and whereas I don't believe this is the same money that covers MVM, the possibility of these funds going away should be addressed. The Borough should

be prepared to ensure MVM elderly housing residents that their HUD subsidized housing is secure and will continue to be affordable and within their means.

Thank you so much for all your hard work serving the public. It's not easy and we all need to work together!

Sincerely,
Gina Esposito

Sent from my iPhone