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Office of the Business Manager

MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

August 8, 2011

1. Roll Call: Sandie Walker, Javier Aguayo, Beverly Atwater, Margie Orr

2. Budget Status Reports

   a. Report to be made on the Finance Committee Summary Reports for July 2011.

3. Receipts and Expenditures Reports

   a. Report to be made on the List of receipts, expenditures and depositories.

4. Any other business.

   Discussion to be made on the request for reduction of the 2007, 2008 and 2009 taxes for Pressley Ridge property located 141 East Market Street from the amount of $56,780.13to the reduced amount of $28,390.07. Kenneth L. Medina

5. Adjournment.

Approved by:
Debrah Fatham, Ed.D.
Signature
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July 25, 2011

Kenneth Medina
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School District of the City of York
Administration Building
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York PA 17401

RE: Pressley Ridge - Exoneration of Real Estate Taxes

Dear Kenn:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter I received from Pressley Ridge. It appears President Beard and Dr. Holmes were copied on this letter. As you can see from the letter, Pressley Ridge is requesting the school district to consider a partial exoneration of past due taxes.

Previously, Pressley Ridge requested the board to exonerate all of the past due taxes including penalties and interest and the board denied that request.

Given the new request (or modification of the prior request) you may want to at least bring the matter to the attention of the board. I know the past practice of the board was to exonerate past due taxes only in rare or very unusual or unique circumstances. It does not appear from the letter that Pressley Ridge is asserting any unique or unusual circumstances other than the taxes are a financial burden on their program.

Let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Very truly yours,

JEFFREY A. GETTLE

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Enclosure

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July 20, 2011

Jeffrey A. Gettle, Esq.
Solicitor, School District of the City of York
Gettle and Vetri, Attorneys at Law
13 East Market Street
York, PA 17401

Dear Mr. Gettle:

Pressley Ridge owns the property located at 141 East Market Street and effective January 1, 2010 the property was determined to be exempt of property taxes by the Board of Assessment Appeals of York County. We recently requested that the School Board of the City of York consider exonerating the taxes on the property for 2007, 2008 and 2009. We are in receipt of your correspondence indicating that the Board declined the request for exoneration.

We would like to resolve this tax matter with the School District and hope that the School Board will consider favorably our offer to pay a reduced amount. Pressley Ridge provides outpatient mental health counseling and psychiatry services and intensive in-home family support programs in the City of York and York County. Both programs serve a high percentage of clients/families eligible for support though the York Office of Children, Youth and Families or the Pennsylvania Medicaid program. In many cases we serve a population unable to pay personally for the cost of care; services that are mandated to be provided by statute or regulation. As you can see from the enclosed financial report; the programs in York have operated at a deficit for the past three years. Although we have reduced the deficit; the fact that government funding does not reimburse at a rate equal to the full cost is an ongoing challenge.

Pressley Ridge is proud of its services in York and is proud to carry on the tradition of Family Service of York that dates its inception to 1914. To pay the full tax, penalty and interest that have accrued would place additional financial burden on our programs and would negatively impact our ability to provide services to children and families in the City of York. Therefore, we request that the School Board waive all past penalties and interest and accept payment of taxes equal to fifty percent (50%) of the assessed amount; a payment of $28,390.07, based upon the full tax amount for 2007 through 2009 of $56,780.13.

Pressley Ridge and the School District share a mission of serving the children and families in the City of York. We appreciate your consideration of our request for resolution of this tax matter and hope that the School Board will act in a manner that supports our shared mission of service.

Sincerely,

Scott D. Spangler
Vice President for Strategic Expansion

Cc: Samuel Beard, President, School District of the City of York
Eric Holmes, Acting Superintendent, School District of the City of York
John Fedor, Assessment Office of York County
Scott Erickson, Executive Vice President and CFO, Pressley Ridge

Enclosure: Pressley Ridge Financial Report for York Programs

PRESSLEY RIDGE
York PA Program Summary - Past 3 Years

	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Revenue			
Managed Care Organizations	$114,368	$342,402	$295,519
County CYS, JP, MHMR	1,039,792	895,351	1,046,867
United Way	193,801	157,468	147,965
EAP, Insurance Co	176,799	52,288	53,231
Other Income	110,609	44,694	70,475
Total Revenue	1,635,369	1,492,203	1,614,057
Expense			
Personnel	1,338,512	1,085,004	1,081,397
Occupancy	191,147	157,298	166,866
Client Cost	131,338	117,461	128,783
G & A	341,728	303,999	380,803
Total Expense	2,002,725	1,663,762	1,757,849
Income Over/Under Expenses	**(367,356)**	**(171,559)**	**(143,792)**