

For Board Concerns:

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My concern is how we as a Board give directions to committees, what we expect them to research and how we approve their charters, terms of reference or tasks. It is our fiduciary duty to insure the resident's money is spent for the best value for the majority. The use of committees is for that purpose, to research, investigate, evaluate and report all findings back to the board for a decision. The Board establishes committees for the purpose of gathering information and presenting the facts. The Board may ask the committee for a recommendation based upon the committee's information, but is not bound by the committee recommendation.

Our first concern should be to set up the committees with the right tools which should mean the Board with the manager's suggestions, giving explicit directions to the committees rather than a generalization open for interpretation.

I would like to see considerable thought go into the terms of reference/charter we give committees. We should all agree this should be in conjunction with the manager's input as it is he who must ultimately carry out the tasks and policy approved by the Board. May I suggest a work session to this end?

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