



## *Blue Ribbon Ad Hoc Committee*

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*Trudy Whittington, Administrator of Hope Creek*  
*Don Lind, Citizen*  
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### Scope/Purpose

To investigate, research and review all potential solutions regarding Hope Creek Care Center. These to include, but are not limited to:

#### Voter Referendum

The Governmental Affairs Committee will be working to explore all options for a voter referendum increasing the nursing home's levy.

#### Legislative Action

Governmental Affairs will also work diligently to push for legislative action in Springfield – working with all stakeholders for a change in the state statute to allow flexibility in County owned and operated homes, in regard to our payer mix, thereby reducing our exposure to Medicaid.

#### Short Term Borrowing

We will also be working closely with the Finance and Health & Human Services Committee on a mechanism for short term borrowing, because even with a voter referendum in 2014, those monies won't be seen until 2015.

#### Cooperation

It will take the cooperation of everyone involved, County Board, Labor, Families and the Community, in order to ensure that Rock Island County continues to be able to care for our seniors.