

Hi AnneMarie!

This was my comment in Budget Meeting -

I read in the Democrat that Mr. Conklin considers himself a “numbers man” and that he thinks this legislature has accomplished great things. I really don’t see what’s so great about the deal with Infinitecare, and why those numbers look good to him. We’re paying an extra ½ a million a year in taxes we didn’t have to pay before, and the county is still paying, while the rating numbers keep sliding lower. A rating of 1 star is like having your kid come home with a D minus on his report card. A good parent would work with his kid and teacher to try to find out what the heck was going on, especially if he had been getting A’s and B’s in that subject only a few years before, but I think that some of you who are supposed to be our leaders would just as soon that the facility closes or burns to the ground. Those broken eggs who are the residents there that Mr. Doherty would throw away are not numbers. While Mr. Doherty enjoys his tasty omelet, those residents are suffering.

I just finished reading the DOH Survey on the Adult Care Center from early July, triggered by an incident there on June 28. This is a public document that is available for anybody to read, from the notebook on the receptionist desk at the Adult Care Center. The Survey document details the staff’s failure to perform the CPR which could have saved a patient’s life, the perspectives of all the staff involved, the policies involved, and the actions of management. It is interesting reading especially for all that it leaves out of the account, and it provides a real glimpse of how things are during the night shift at the Adult Care Center, featuring a trainee aide’s frantic and unsuccessful attempts to get help for a dying patient from other staff. Everybody who is on the Health and Human Services Committee should read it, at least, because that committee is responsible for what happens there. I want to express my deepest sympathy for this patient’s family’s sad loss at our nursing home. I gather that another Survey was conducted there even more recently, and I’m going to make sure that you get to hear about it, because you won’t get a real report about that from Mr. Liddle or Infinitecare. This legislature’s attempt to pass the buck to Infinitecare for the management of the facility is a failure, but evidently, you’re sticking with this company. You’re leaving a huge mess for the next legislature to have to fix and don’t think that 1 star rating isn’t going on your own report cards.

This was my comment in Government Services Committee:

Last month, I asked about reports from ITS and the Broadband LDC, and I was told by Mr. Brooks that there was progress, but there are no meeting minutes posted since

August 2021. As a longtime county employee, I had to take minutes for every single meeting I conducted. Without documentation, it hadn't happened. Meeting minutes are expected as part of accountability and professionalism. Apparently, that is not the case with the Broadband LDC. Since the taxpayers have no other option if they'd like to know where all the funding for that project has gone, I'd like to hear Mr. Brook's report on it. I'd also like to hear a report from ITS about the progress they've made in the past few years, and the obstacles to that progress, so that the county's technology can keep apace with the current technology environment our employees are working within.