**Family Meeting Ground Rules**

* Be on time and respect the agenda
* Honor each other’s comfort and Honor everyone’s comments
* Practice Active Listening
* Everyone Actively Participates
* Avoid side conversations
* Take breaks as needed
* Exhibit grace for each other
* Remember, at the core, we love and respect each other
* Speak the truth in love (be both honest and kind). Free to constructively disagree – focus on Issues Not individuals. Respect feelings/encourage the expression of feelings.
* Beware of assumptions & stereotypes about each other (stay in your own backyard, remaining non-judgmental and seeking to understand other perspectives)
* Confidentiality – communicate the essence of conversations to other family members
* Be willing to reach consensus