

COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
TUESDAY, 3-2-2010
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING – ROOM 3212
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Audrey Kader, Chairperson, Pat Boge, Sharon Hampson
Shirley Holman, left at 2:10 PM, Robert Machotka,
Dr. Edward Miner

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Robert Keil

OTHERS PRESENT: Noreen Holmes, Director, County Aging Unit
Dawn Jorstad, Nutrition Program Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Audrey Kader, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2-2-2010

MOTION: Motion by Shirley Holman and seconded by Dr. Edward Miner to approve the Minutes of 2-2-2010. Pass unanimously. Keil excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA (informational)

Aging & Long Term Care Committee Minutes of 2-8-2010

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2010 CENSUS

Noreen Holmes and Dawn Jorstad announced to the nutrition sites the 2010 Census will take place between now and April 1st. A US Census Survey form with 10 simple questions will be mailed and must be answered before mailing it back. If the form is not filled out completely, a census worker will come to the home to complete the form. The final data is used to distribute more than 400 billion in funds every year to tribal, state and local governments for community services including Older Americans Act funding.

RESOLUTION

Noreen Holmes gave a power point presentation to the Commission Board members regarding a proposal by DHS to eliminate the payment of the full cost of transportation for MA consumers and require the transportation of MA consumers at the rate of the co-payment, thus currently \$3.50 to \$5.00 rate thus shifting the difference between the co-payment and actual cost of the ride from MA to the non-Medical Assistance transit funding sources. A Resolution was also provided to the Commission Board. **MOTION:** Moved by Shirley Holman and seconded by Patricia Boge to accept the Resolution but to add Wisconsin Counties Association as also supporting coordination and the use of cost effective methods to provide transportation to MA consumers and its elderly and disabled citizens. Keil excused.

Noreen Holmes reiterated that UW-La Crosse and the County Aging Unit will conduct a seminar on Saturday, 4-10-2010 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the Moose Lodge for boomers, seniors and caregivers. "Aging in Place" registration fee is \$8.00 with lunch included.

BILLY'S LANTERN SENIOR MEAL GRAND OPENING MONDAY, 3-1-2010

Dawn Jorstad, Nutrition Program Coordinator reported that Billy's Lantern grand opening was held on Monday, 3-1-2010. One hundred and twenty-three (123) postcards were sent out with sixty-one (61) participants attended the grand opening. Meals will be served Monday thru Friday, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. A monthly statement for meals will be sent to the participant the first week of the following month. Daily special will be from the nutrition program meals.

H. J. OLSON CENTER- PURCHASE APPROVAL- DARRELL LARSON ESTATE

A hand-out was provided to the Commission Board members regarding a proposal for the H.J. Olson Center for global chairs with arms, no arms, refrigerator/freezer, 50 inch Plasma Television with/installation, DVD player for downstairs and 27 inch television and DVD player for upstairs for an amount to not exceed \$6,200.00. **MOTION:** Moved by Robert Machotka and seconded by Dr. Edward Miner to accept the proposal for H. J. Olson Center and not to exceed \$6,200.00 from the Darrell Larson Estate. Pass unanimously. Keil excused.

MEAL SITES

WAFER PROGRAM

Dawn Jorstad, Nutrition Program Coordinator was contacted by the Director of the WAFER Program to find out whether or not seniors would like to receive free groceries and/or toiletries once a month. The Wafer Program shows only six percent is being utilized by seniors. Dawn Jorstad announced this to the sites and as a result, seventy (70) people signed up for this program. The Wafer delivery schedule will be March 16th, 17th and 18th at various hi-rises and Holmen, Onalaska and West Salem nutrition sites.

FOOD STAMP PARTICIPATION

A copy was provided to the Commission Board members reporting that Wisconsin's caseload between 11/08 and 11/209 was 37.8% for the food stamp participation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Regional Transit Update

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Sharon Hampson and seconded by Dr. Edward Miner to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Approved: 4-6-2010, Ruth Hafner, Recorder