

**COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
TUESDAY, 5-4-2010
ONALASKA COMMUNITY CENTER
10:45 AM – 11:30 AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Audrey Kader, Chairperson, Sharon Hampson, Shirley Holman, Robert Keil, Dr. Edward Miner

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Patricia Boge
Robert Machotka

GUEST: Ann Fisher

OTHERS PRESENT: Noreen Kuroski, Director, County Aging Unit

CALL TO ORDER

Audrey Kader, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:45 AM. Chairperson Kader asked the Commission Board members to introduce themselves to the site manager and the participants at the Onalaska Site.

Chairperson Kader along with the Commission Board members conveyed their appreciation, gratitude, admiration and thanks to Dr. Edward Miner for the many years of valuable service to the Commission on Aging Board and his work as an advocate for seniors. Ann Fisher, a past County Board Supervisor was invited to the Commission Board meeting as a potential replacement for Dr. Edward Miner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 4-6-2010

MOTION: Motion by Dr. Edward Miner and seconded by Robert Keil to approve Minutes of 4-6-2010. Pass unanimously. Boge and Machotka excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA (informational)

Aging & Long Term Care Committee Minutes of 4-12-2010

Place on file.

POLITICAL APPEARANCES AT MEAL SITES

Commission Board members received policies regarding political appearances at meal sites from the County Aging Unit, County Personnel Department & the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources. Chairperson Kader instructed Noreen Kuroski to check with Steve Doyle, Chairman, County Board of Supervisors and Steve O'Malley, County Administrator regarding the policy from the Harry J. Olson Center. Chairperson Kader stated the City funds this establishment.

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**DIRECTOR'S REPORT
VITAL AGING CONFERENCE**

Noreen Kuroski reminded the Commission Board members that Vital Aging: Living, Loving, Laughing Longer will be held on Thursday, 5-20-2010 at UW-La Crosse Cartwright Center from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Registration at 8:30 am and cost will be \$20.00 with lunch included. To register for this event contact Karen Langaard at 785-6508.

33 EXPRESS/STRAP GRANT UPDATE

Noreen Kuroski reported that the contract with Vernon County has been reviewed with Corporation Counsel and is now with Vernon County Corporation Counsel. The Hillsboro-La Crosse 33 Express will be running as soon as the contract is signed. The Galesville-Holmen route will not go forward as planned because both hospitals have decided not to help fund the match. The grant monies of \$160,000 may be directed to other transportation needs as planned.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Noreen Kuroski requested the Commission Board members to submit any topics or recommendations to be included in the Older Americans Act Reauthorization.

PROCLAMATION OLDER AMERICANS DAY

A copy of the Proclamation for Older Americans Month was given to the Commission Board members and will be presented to the County Board. Older Americans Day will be held on Wednesday, 5-19-2010 at all of the nutrition sites.

MEAL SITES

Commission Board members held their board meeting at the Onalaska Nutrition Site including a meal ate at the site. Onalaska Community Center has been painted, floor cleaned and waxed, new furniture and decorated very nicely for the participants. Participants like the changes to the site because the atmosphere is more welcoming.

**SAVE THE DATE "VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CELEBRATION",
TUESDAY, 8-3-2010, BAUS HAUS**

Volunteer Recognition Celebration will be held on Tuesday, 8-3-2010 at Baus Haus. Commission on Aging Board will meet for their regular meeting the same day at Baus Haus at approximately 1:30 PM.

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AGING IN PLACE UPDATE

UW-La Crosse and County Aging Unit conducted a seminar on Saturday, 4-10-2010 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Moose Lodge for boomers, seniors and caregivers. Ninety three (93) participants registered for this event. There were twenty remodelers, business owners and planners present to answer questions regarding remodeling for aging friendly homes, specifications and rules, local experiences and working with boomers, elders and families.

STEPPING ON CLASS UPDATE

Noreen Kuroski reported two physical therapy students from the UW-La Crosse re-evaluated twenty five people from the previous "Stepping on Class". Starting Monday, 5-10-2010 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Main Library, Noreen Kuroski and Larry White will begin another class of "Stepping On".

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

A copy was provided to the Commission Board members on the 2009 Annual Report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Brochure - Prepare Now

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Shirley Holman and seconded by Sharon Hampson to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Minutes Approved: 6-1-2010 Ruth Hafner, Recorder

