

**COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
TUESDAY, 5-3-2011
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING – ROOM 3212
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Audrey Kader, Chairperson, Sharon Hampson, left at 1:50 pm.
Patricia Boge, Ann Fisher, Robert Keil

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Shirley Holman, Betty Woodruff

OTHERS PRESENT: Noreen Holmes, Director, County Aging Unit

CALL TO ORDER

Audrey Kader, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 4-5-2011

MOTION: Motion by Patricia Boge and seconded by Ann Fisher to approve the Minutes 4-5-2011. Pass unanimously. Holman and Woodruff excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA (informational)

AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 4-11-2011.

Placed on file.

NFCSP SELF ASSESSMENT

Noreen Holmes informed the Commission Board members that the self assessment for the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) had been sent to GWAAR. A copy of the self assessment was distributed to each member. Approval will be addressed at the next Commission on Aging meeting.

VITAL AGING CONFERENCE MAY 19, 2011

Noreen Holmes supplied information about this event and encouraged Committee Members to attend. There are a wide assortment of workshops that should appeal to those who attend. Last year there were 200 people in attendance. We hope this year will be as well received.

PROCLAMATION OLDER AMERICANS DAY

Proclamation is attached to minutes. Motion by Sharon Hampson and seconded by Bob Keil to approve. Passed unanimously.

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STEPPING ON CLASS UPDATE

Interest in the Stepping On class continues to increase. Noreen has been teaching a class at Pinedale Apartments in Onalaska. Larry White & Noreen are each teaching a class at OnaTerrace in Onalaska since 36 people signed up to take the class. Chuck Isely and Phyllis Branson, Volunteer Peer Leaders, are assisting. Those attending the classes have been very supportive and enthusiastic about the presentations and the exercises. Gundersen/Lutheran's Katie Barton, one of the newly trained instructors, is teaching her first class with Rose Thiel, Volunteer Peer Leader, assisting. Larry is organizing classes with several area churches. We hope to continue to expand Stepping On and make information about preventing falls more readily available.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Scheduled for August 2, 2011 at the Baus Haus, Ward Avenue, La Crosse, 2:00 – Entertainment and 3:30 Dinner. We have utilized Baus Haus Catering for the last couple of years and have been very satisfied. Entertainment has been scheduled, Ken Anderson, Author and Mayberry Enthusiast is passionate about sharing the wit and wisdom of Mayberry and the Andy Griffith Show, now in its 50th year.

MINIBUS ESTABLISHING AGENCY RATES

An agency rate will reflect the actual cost of a trip which will be used when other agencies, such as Medical Assistance, Western Wisconsin Cares, Logisticare, request transportation for their consumers. The fares for the MiniBus, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50 respectively for zones 1,2,3, reflect a subsidized fare with the county and the WI DOT providing the majority of the funding. If, for instance, Medical Assistance wanted to send their consumer on the MiniBus and paid only the fare then s85.21 Elderly & Disabled Transportation would actually be subsidizing Medical Assistance. This is prohibited under s85.21 regulations. Noreen will consult with Bill Shepherd, Corporation Counsel, prior to the next meeting to make sure he approves the agency fare as appropriate.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Establishing Agency Rate for Trips

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Sharon Hampson and seconded by Ann Fisher to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

APPROVED: 7-5-2011, Noreen Holmes, Recorder

Proclamation

“Older Americans: Connecting the Community”
May 2011 Older Americans Month
May 17, 2011 Older Americans Day

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the older adults in La Crosse County are the roots from which our community grows, who bestow gifts of wisdom and insight upon younger generations, and strengthen the bonds between neighbors to create a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, the more than 20,000 county residents over 60 years old are diverse, respected people who should be commended for their contribution to our nation’s social and economic well-being; and

Whereas, our community can provide that recognition and respect by enriching the quality of life for older Americans by:

Increasing their opportunities to remain in their communities as active and engaged citizens

Providing services, technologies, and support systems that allow seniors to foster and maintain connections within the community

Emphasizing the value of elders by publically recognizing their contributions to the diversity, strength, and unity of our community

Now therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board, on behalf of the residents of La Crosse County, does hereby proclaim May 2011 to be Older Americans Month and does further proclaim May 17, 2011 as Older Americans Day in La Crosse County, and urge all citizens to honor older adults during May and throughout the year. Our recognition of older Americans and their involvement in our lives can help us achieve stronger and more meaningful connections with each other and enrich our community’s quality of life.

Dated this _____ day of May, 2011