

**COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
TUESDAY, 7-5-2011
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING – ROOM 3212
1:40 PM – 2:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Hampson, Vice-Chairperson,
Patricia Boge, Shirley Holman, Robert Keil,

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Audrey Kader, Chairperson, Ann Fisher, Betty Woodruff

OTHERS PRESENT: Noreen Holmes, Director, County Aging Unit
Andrea Hansen, UW-La Crosse Gerontology Certificate
Program Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Sharon Hampson, Committee Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 5-3-2011

MOTION: Motion by Robert Keil and seconded by Patricia Boge to approve the Minutes of 5-3-2011. Pass unanimously. Excused: Kader, Fisher, Woodruff

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA (informational)

AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 5-9-2011 & 6-6-2011

Place on file.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**LONG TERM CARE ISSUES-GUEST SPEAKER, ANDREA HANSEN, UWL
GERONTOLOGY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR**

Andrea Hansen gave a presentation on long term care issues. Families furnish the majority of care to people with disabilities and the elderly. Home and community-based long-term services are getting harder to provide at a time when demand is expected to increase. Medicaid funding will be provided at some level but to be eligible for services, individuals must meet financial guidelines. The second area of concern is the great shortage of certified nursing assistants and home health aides due to low wages, limited education and a very tough job which adds to the difficulties of recruitment and retention. The third problem was the legislature's decision to freeze funding for Family Care. More people are headed to nursing homes and waiting lists. This will seriously undermine the cost effectiveness of the state's long-term care system. The only entitlement the committee left intact is a right to live in an nursing home.

Andrea Hansen handed out brochures entitled "Coulee Region Long-Term Care Workforce Coalition" and "Leadership Development Programs for Health Care Professions" to the Commission Board members.

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AGING IN PLACE

A seminar on Saturday, 7-16-2011 at the Lunda Center, Western Technical College will focus on "Aging in Place" creating aging friendly homes. Presentations and demonstrations by area builders, suppliers, resources and networking will be given. Registration of \$20.00 will include materials and lunch. Seminar will be from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

2012 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Noreen Holmes handed out the 2012 Budget Time-Line to the Commission. Sharon Hampson asked about the new software for this budget. Noreen Holmes stated that it has not been really useful this year but will have more information in subsequent years. The 2012 Preliminary Budget will be discussed at the September meeting.

VOTER ID BILL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ELDERLY

Noreen Holmes discussed the brochure entitled "Understanding the New Voter ID Law" published by the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups. No one will need to provide an ID for the Year 2011 in order to vote. Noreen Holmes also stated that nursing home residents and institutionalized persons will have different requirements under the Voter ID bill. They may not be required to show an ID, but may have to sign a statement verifying their name and address is correct and that statement may have to be witnessed. Transportation will be provided by the County Aging Unit so seniors can go to the DMV to receive their ID card.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT TUESDAY, 8-2-2011

Noreen Holmes reminded the Commission Board members the Volunteer Recognition event will be held on Tuesday, 8-2-2011 at Baus Haus. Noreen Holmes reported the invitations are being sent out today.

SENIOR FARMERS MARKET

For the Year 2011, a total of 334 vouchers for the Farmer's Market were received.

NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM SELF-ASSESSMENT

A letter was provided to the Commission Board members from Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR) regarding La Crosse County's NFCSP Self Assessment.

FAMILY CARE CAPS

A letter addressed to the Wisconsin State Legislators was provided to the Commission Board members from Bob Kellerman, Executive Director, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. regarding the proposed caps on further expansion of Family Care and other long-term care programs.

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TRANSPORTATION VACANCY POSITION FILLED

Noreen Holmes stated Joanne Dierkop is the new transportation clerk for the La Crosse County Aging Unit. Joanne Dierkop worked in the Human Services Department's Economic Support Unit as their transportation clerk.

MEAL SITES

FOREST PARK NEW SITE MANAGER

Noreen Holmes reported Cynthia Hauser has been hired as the new site manager for Forest Park.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Preliminary Budget for Year 2011

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Patricia Boge and seconded by Robert Keil to adjourn.
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Disclaimer: The above Minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting. Ruth Hafner, recorder

