

**COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING  
TUESDAY, 3-06-12  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING – ROOM 3212  
1:30 PM TO 2:35 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Audrey Kader, Chairperson, Sharon Hampson, Ann Fisher, Shirley Holman

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Patricia Boge, Robert Keil, Betty Woodruff

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Patrick Killeen, AARP  
Noreen Kuroski, Director  
Joanne Dierkop & Amy Simonis, Aging Unit

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES OF 1-3-12**

**MOTION:** Motion by Sharon Hampson and seconded by Ann Fisher to approve the Minutes of 1-3-12. Pass unanimously. Boge, Keil, Woodruff, excused.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Patrick Killeen, AARP, announced the Town Hall Meeting in La Crosse, Friday, March 9, 2-5PM. AARP and the Coulee Region Long Term CareWorkforce Coalition will be giving statements. The Aging Unit will also provide some statements.

**CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATIONAL)**

**AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
12-5-2011, 1/9/12, 2/6/12**

Place on file.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Jayne Mullins, Older Americans Act Consultant, GWAAR, Older Americans Act Reauthorization, WI Elders Act & GWAAR updates**

Jayne introduced herself and her background in aging. She has been very involved in Voter ID and developed an envelope with check boxes for those needing voter IDs to accumulate their necessary forms and keep them together to go to the DMV. She provided copies. Placed on file

Jayne spoke of the benefits of the Older Americans Act and the importance of its reauthorization.

She also spoke of GWAAR and the Aging Network and distributed a "FACT SHEET: What is the Aging Network?", a brochure about GWAAR and a diagram "WI Aging Network Priorities". All are placed on file.

**Self-Assessment Aging Plan with Approval**

Each year the Aging Unit Director is required to assess the department's progress on meeting the goals of the Aging Plan, developed every three years. 2012 is the last year of this Aging Plan. Members reviewed the self-assessment. Noreen received compliments from the chair and board members for doing a good job for older people in La Crosse County. Jayne Mullins agreed. Motion by Shirley Holman, Second by Ann Fisher to accept the Self-Assessment. Pass Unaimously

### **Voter ID Update**

Noreen reported the four presentations across the county on Voter ID were very successful. The League of Women Voters and AARP worked with the Aging Unit to coordinate these informational events. AARP sent out information about the events to their members. County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer spoke at each event where we had an average of 15 in attendance.

### **Medicare Quiz (Please test your knowledge-answers given at meeting)**

Noreen distributed the answers to this informational Medicare Quiz.

### **2012 Committee/Board Meetings – 2012**

There are 2 months we will have to change our meeting day/date, Aug (A&LTC is Aug 6) & Nov (A&LTC is Nov 5).

### **Introduction of Amy Simonis (Helen's replacement)**

#### **Gifted Hands Update**

Noreen announced that Maureen Kinney, Attorney, provided documentation for the county stating that Gifted Hands does not need to become a 501©3 as it is part of the County Aging Unit and the county is already tax exempt. This is good news because we can solicit donations from businesses and give them a tax deduction for that donation.

#### **The Transformation of Long-Term Services and Supports in Brief**

Informational piece included with packets.

#### **Announcement Fellowship with WI Women's Policy Institute UWMadison**

Noreen announced she was one of 15 professionals chosen as a Fellow to complete research on how to assist older women in Wisconsin. Participation begins March 16, 2012 and continues for a year.

#### **MEAL SITES**

Sharon Hampson mentioned a visit to a meal site by two county board members resulted in numerous complaints from two participants regarding the food. Noreen acknowledged the complaints and said we have worked hard with ARAMARK to satisfy participants.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Request to report back on the meal site.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Shirley Holman and seconded by Ann Fisher to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35PM.

**Minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Committee meeting.**

Noreen Holmes, Recorder