

County Commission on Aging

Tuesday, 7-03, 2012

LaCrosse County Administrative Bldg., Room 3212

MEMBERS PRESENT: Audrey Kader, Ann Fisher, Sharon Hampson, Robert Keil,
Ann Fisher
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Patricia Boge, Charles Spiker
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Sharon Hampson, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Motion by Ann Fisher and seconded by Robert Keil to approve the meeting minutes of 6-5-12. Passed unanimously.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Charles Spiker is the new chairperson.

Received approval to hire a replacement receptionist for the County Aging Unit office. The position will be at .8 rather than 1FTE. Job interviews will be started soon.

Vital Aging Conference - Passion Purpose & Pleasure, was held June 7, 2012, with 189 registered participants. We received favorable feedback on the conference and another conference will be held again next year.

Medicare Healthcare Reform: All current Medicare benefits will be listed in the Senior Life newsletter with two key points emphasized each month.

Aging In Place conference to be held September 28, 2012. How to be more “aging friendly” is still in draft form. The cost of this conference will be shared between Comfort Keepers and the Aging Unit. We need to re-do the Aging In Place conference flyer to include city of LaCrosse information.

“**Older and On Their Own**” **LaCrosse Tribune Articles** were discussed.

Office Hours may be changed to 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with some staff working until 5 p.m.

Medicare & “observation” instead of “in-patient” care. Discussed problems a family member had with nursing home costs because of being classified as a hospital “observation” patient vs. being an “in-patient” prior to transferring to a nursing home for rehabilitation. This designation prevented her stay in a hospital as being “a qualifying stay” under Medicare which prohibits her rehab in a nursing home from being covered by Medicare. This is a national problem and a bill has been introduced in congress to correct the problem. H.R.1543 -

Legislation to Allow Observation Stays to be Counted Toward Three-Day Inpatient Hospital Requirement under Medicare.

Budget – 0% increase – same as last year.

Gifted Hands Update – Back up to 18 hours per week for Title V participants.

GWAAR Review – Reviewed the nutrition programs at Onalaska and Holmen. Initial reports are good.

Future Agenda – Catholic Charities has a social service summit on 7/31/12 to share information on working with other organizations and share information with the public.

Lakeview – The County Commission on Aging plans to meet and tour Lakeview Healthcare on Tuesday, August 7, 2012.

Adjournment – Moved by Betty Woodruff and seconded by Robert Keil to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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

Noreen Holmes, Recorder