

**COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
TUESDAY, 5-01-2012
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING – ROOM 3212
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Betty Woodruff , Audrey Kader

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Simonis, Supervisor, County Aging Unit, Joanne Dierkop, Transportation Clerk, Dawn Jorstad, Nutrition Program Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Sharon Hampson, Vice-Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 3-7-2012

MOTION: Motion by Ann Fisher and seconded by Bob Keil to approve the Minutes of 3-7-2011. Pass unanimously. Woodruff and Kader excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA (informational)

AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE MINUTES – 4-9-2012

Place on file.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NEW CHAIR – APPOINTMENT PENDING

Noreen Holmes reported the chair has not been appointed but will be in place for the next meeting.

CLERK POSITION (Ruthie Hafner's previous job) UPDATE

Steve O'Malley and a committee are reviewing the tasks and the volume of work for this position to determine if the Aging Unit needs to replace this position. Nothing has been decided.

**VITAL AGING CONFERENCE *Passion, Purpose & Pleasure* JUNE 7 & AGING IN PLACE
SEPTEMBER 28TH**

Noreen Holmes reported that the conference will be interesting and relevant for committee members and she encouraged them to attend. She is still planning Aging in Place but feels there is a need for information to help older people plan to stay in their own home as long as possible.

OFFICE HOURS FOR THE COUNTY

There has been discussion of changing office hours to 8:00am – 4:30pm from 8:30am – 5:00pm. The County Board is considering the matter. Steve O'Malley plans to visit each department in the Administrative Center to help determine the best way to meet the needs of county residents.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT CON'T

2012 COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS 2012 CHANGING THE DATES – AUGUST & NOVEMBER

The August meeting will be changed to July 31, 2012 and the November meeting to October 30, 2012.

MEAL SITES

- a. Elections at Meal Sites: Special arrangements to accommodate elections included HJ Olson, moved the congregate participants to the rear dining room; Holmen was closed and home-delivered folks got a frozen meal; Sauber Manor everyone got a home-delivered meal.
- b. Dawn Jorstad reported that La Crosse County Congregate Program was the only one in the state not losing participants, according to GWAAR. Shirley Holman talked about competitive games at meal sites for nominal prizes which may increase participation. Dawn will consider this.
- c. Coupon for new participants "Buy One Get One Free": Trying to recruit new participants by offering a free one-time coupon to friends/neighbors/family brought in by current participants. Sample included.
- d. New Driver being hired for Home-Delivery: Brice Prairie. An offer has been made.
- e. Farmers Market 2012: 334 - \$25.00 certificates will be available for La Crosse County seniors. It was suggested we add the La Crosse Main Library as a distribution point. The schedule will be adjusted to accommodate this.

TRANSPORTATION

- a. Prairie du Chien to La Crosse Bus Service Update: The original RFP only received one response. The group implementing the service, led by the City of Prairie du Chien, will contact potential providers to get a better understanding of what components in the RFP were a hindrance to them so it can be revised. The transportation is still planned to start in 2012.
- b. First Transit Amendment: The fuel escalator/de-escalator clause will be incorporated in the First Transit Contract for 2012 & 2013.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None suggested.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Patricia Boge and seconded by Bob Keil to adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Disclaimer: The above Minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next Committee meeting.

Noreen Holmes, Recorder