

## AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

Monday, January 11, 2010  
Administrative Center – Room 3220  
10:15 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roger Plesha, Ann Fisher, Monica Kruse, John Medinger, Andrea Richmond, Jerry Sebranek, Margaret Wood

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Audrey Kader

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Pete Eide, Pam Semb, Noreen Kuroski, Kelly Kramer, Margaret Norden, Steve O'Malley, Bill Shepherd, Jim Speropulos

### ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roger Plesha called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

### APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2009, AND CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION** by Sebranek/Richmond to approve the Minutes of November 2, 2009, and to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. *Ripples & Waves* – Lakeview Newsletter
- b. Commission on Aging Minutes – October 6, 2009
- c. Caregivers Mini-Retreat Program
- d. Lakeview thank-you's

Questions were asked and answered about the County's sponsorship of the Caregivers Mini-Retreat. **Motion carried unanimously.** Kader excused.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

### CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

None reported.

**MOTION** by Sebranek/Wood to suspend the rules to take agenda items out of order. **Motion carried unanimously.** Kader excused.

### APPROVE TRANSFER SWITCH QUOTE FOR LAKEVIEW HEALTH CENTER

Jim Speropulos reported that the existing transfer switch, which allows transfers between the Xcel power delivery and a generator, does not comply with codes. The following bids were presented:

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| Thompson Electric                   | \$35,200.00 |
| Kish & Sons Electric                | \$35,850.00 |
| Klich Electric                      | \$39,300.00 |
| Wehrs Electric                      | \$44,000.00 |
| Poellinger Electric                 | \$44,433.00 |
| Wettstein Brothers Electric         | \$48,500.00 |
| Bahr Electric                       | \$64,600.00 |
| ECS Electrical Contractor Solutions | \$91,482.00 |

The low bid amount by Thompson Electric was recommended. **MOTION** by Richmond/Fisher to approve Thompson Electric's Transfer Switch Quote of \$35,200.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** Kader excused.

### APPROVAL OF QUOTE FOR WEST SALEM SENIOR SITE MYRNA RAE MILLER BEQUEST APPROVAL OF QUOTE FOR OFFICE & MEAL SITE FURNISHINGS FUNDED BY DARRELL S. LARSON BEQUEST

The Chair took the agenda items together. Noreen Kuroski reported that they talked to seniors about what they would like to have available at meal sites. The following items were proposed for purchase from the Miller bequest:

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| Painting the Senior Center – Dining Room, Kitchen and Activities Room      | \$850.00   |
| 50-inch plasma tv, installed with Wii, DVD/Blu-ray player, locking cabinet | \$2,072.15 |

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| New trays and silverware                   | \$387.86          |
| Coffee urn and water pitchers              | \$51.88           |
| Five 24"x72" folding tables                | \$530.00          |
| One 60" round folding table                | \$169.00          |
| One refrigerator                           | \$515.00          |
| Home delivery large insulated bag w/heater | \$350.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>\$4,925.89</b> |

Supervisor Richmond asked if Kuroski had received correspondence about needs at the Harry J. Olson Center, and asked Kuroski to assess and report back. Kuroski also reported on requests for purchases for other meal sites, the Aging Department office lobby, and a shared office space in the Aging Department where they do benefits counseling. Since the meal sites are federally funded they qualify for a discount. These purchases would be made out of the Larson bequest, as follows:

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| H1018 - 52 chairs   | \$1,630.00         |
| 4003 - chairs with arms - 60                              | \$6,360.00         |
| 4004 - chairs no arms - 20                                | \$2,020.00         |
| 48 inch round tables - 12                                 | \$3,000.00         |
| Rectangle tables - 32                                     | \$3,550.00         |
| Installation  | \$1,500.00         |
| <b>TOTAL TABLE AND CHAIR PURCHASES</b>                    | <b>\$18,060.00</b> |
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| HCT 303 - 2 - Two chairs with table between at \$861 each | \$1,722.00         |
| HCT 01 - 2 - Two chairs at \$334 each                     | \$668.00           |
| HON - 2 desks with overhead storage and lights            | \$2550.00          |
| <b>TOTAL OFFICE FURNITURE PURCHASES</b>                   | <b>\$4,940.00</b>  |

**MOTION** by Medinger/Kruse to approve the Quote for West Salem Senior Site funded by the Myrna Rae Miller Bequest and the Quote for Office & Meal Site Furnishings funded by the Darrell S. Larson Bequest. **Motion carried unanimously.** Kader excused.

#### **ASSISTED LIVING & MASTER PLAN FOR HILLVIEW**

Pete Eide reported they do not plan any large capital needs projects at Hillview, except a new roof in 5-10 years and parking lot improvements at some point. He also reported they have made the entire facility Medicare eligible to avoid having to transfer residents to different rooms. He stated that the Wipfli market study update on assisted living is completed, and results will be presented to the committee. Wipfli also did a survey of discharged residents on their level of interest in assisted living. Supervisor Medinger asked about the timetable for County Board consideration, and indicated he would like a resolution prepared for a vote of the County Board to proceed. The Wipfli study could be presented to committee in February, 2010, and the item placed on the Board's policy planning agenda in March, 2010.

#### **HILLVIEW CENSUS FIGURES FOR 2009**

Pete Eide reported there were 320 admissions in 2009, down from 330 in 2008. They maintained the plan of having 191 residents at any one time.

#### **CARROLL HEIGHTS UPDATE**

The Carroll Heights facility currently has only one opening. The referrals they have been receiving lately have been in the 55-60 year old range, although the average age is still 80 years old. Some of the recent referrals have alcohol or mental health issues, and they have had to refer one or two people to the emergency room for alcohol issues; they discharged one to Lakeview. Eide stated that there is a policy in place that is outlined in the lease; he will provide a copy of the lease for review. Some residents need assisted living services, but are having services brought in.

#### **MCO ISSUES - HILLVIEW AND LAKEVIEW**

Pam Semb and Pete Eide reported that Western Wisconsin Cares is not making referrals of La Crosse County residents to Lakeview. This has been affecting other area nursing homes that feel they are not equipped to take these types of residents. Semb reported that all the managed care

organizations are in critical financial trouble, and are making up for it by asking for cuts from providers. There have been occurrences where MCO's have disenrolled members so they are eligible for Medicaid. In some community cases, they are asking for 40-50% cuts from 2009 rates. Discussion was held about the state's accountability of MCO's.

#### **COUNTY HOME ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING AND LOBBY DAY**

Pam Semb reported that the lobby day is scheduled for February 3-4, 2010. She and Pete Eide have registration materials.

#### **BETTS PLACE FOR PEACE CBRF UPDATE**

Jim Gausmann reported that the Betts Place for Peace in Rockland has had its license revoked due to financial problems. The facility is for sale. There is no place to relocate the 20 residents. Discussion was held regarding services, and perhaps relocating the residents to a larger community where they would have more resources and activities available.

#### **VETERANS COURT INITIATIVE UPDATE**

Jim Gausmann reported that the Veterans Court is up and running. He receives a list from the City police department, then sends a letter to the veterans (both suspects and victims), and encourages them to apply for services. The mentors are volunteers, and he reported good cooperation from the community. He responded to questions about workload and budget. Gausmann stated that staff workload has increased, especially due to soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, but he has no plans at this time to increase staff.

#### **VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL**

La Crosse will host a national veterans' arts festival to include juried competitions for drama, art, creative writing, dance, and music on October 18-25, 2010.

#### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Assisted living

#### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Sebranek/Fisher to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**Approved,** February 8, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder