

AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

Monday, February 8, 2010
Administrative Center – Room 3220
10:15 a.m.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ann Fisher, Audrey Kader

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Pete Eide, Pam Semb, Noreen Kuroski, Kelly Kramer, Margaret Norden, Steve O'Malley, Ray Ebert, Don Bina, Ken Kammel, Maureen Freedland, Dick Mial, Mike Edwin

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2010, AND CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Sebranek/Richmond to approve the Minutes of January 11, 2010, and to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. *Ripples & Waves* – Lakeview Newsletter
- b. Commission on Aging Minutes – December 1, 2009
- c. "Aging in Place"
- d. STRAP Grant

Motion carried unanimously. Fisher, Kader excused.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

None reported.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair took the agenda item out of order. Ken Kammel spoke about senior meals at Billy's Lantern, and stated it had wide support in the rural area. Supervisor Bina also spoke on behalf of adding a senior meal site.

APPROVE SENIOR MEAL SITE – DARRELL S. LARSON ESTATE

The Chair took the agenda item out of order. Noreen Kuroski reported there has been an effort to reestablish a senior meal site on St. Joseph's Ridge. The owner of Billy's Lantern already serves daily lunches, and he is willing to modify menus according to USDA guidelines for senior meals. She expects they could have the meal site going by March 1, 2010. She asked for approval of up to \$6,000 from the Darrell S. Larson Estate to fund it, and reported that if there were more people than the estimated average of 12 per day, she would return for approval of more funds. **MOTION** by Richmond/Medinger to approve Senior Meal Site – Darrell S. Larson Estate. **Motion carried unanimously.** Fisher, Kader excused.

APPROVE GIFTED HANDS – DARRELL S. LARSON ESTATE

Noreen Kuroski reported that Gifted Hands is the senior consignment store operated through the Aging Unit. The Darrell S. Larson Estate specifically named Gifted Hands as a recipient of the bequest. She asked for approval for up to \$3,000 to modernize furnishings and provide more ergonomic seating. **MOTION** by Richmond/Wood to approve Gifted Hands – Darrell S. Larson Estate. **Motion carried unanimously.** Fisher, Kader excused.

REPORT FROM COUNTY HOME LOBBY DAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010

Pam Semb reported that Representatives Shilling and Huebsch and Senator Kapanke were present, and they were able to talk with them about restoring supplemental payments to \$39.1 million after the Governor's cut to \$38.1 million. They also talked about the ongoing skimming of other funds that the nursing homes generate through the bed tax and for certified public expenditures; currently, about half or more of those funds do not come back to the county. Discussion ensued regarding the bed tax, occupancy, and Medicaid shortfall.

REPORT FROM MVHS HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR MEETING, FEBRUARY 2, 2010

Pam Semb stated the meeting was a follow-up to pare down requested services and see what is reasonable. Three areas were identified as needs: 1) a locked geriatric unit, 2) a community based residential facility; and 3) consulting in behavioral intervention. She stated the geriatric unit would be the easiest to implement. She stated preference would be given to MVHS members, but services could be provided to counties that are not MVHS members, as well. Discussion followed regarding the cost and budget losses occurring with family care in the community.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER LAKEVIEW 2009 TAX LEVY DOLLARS TO THE HUMAN SERVICES FUND AND LAKEVIEW FIXED ASSET FUND AND TO ESTABLISH A NEW FUND FOR ACCOUNTING OF MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HEALTH SERVICES COMMISSION TRANSACTIONS

The Resolution calls for \$420,139.95 of tax levy dollars originally budgeted for Lakeview Nursing Home for 2009 to be transferred to the La Crosse County Human Services Fund to pay the per diem cost for La Crosse County clients residing in the nursing home or facility for developmentally disabled. The money would go to the Mississippi Valley Health Services (MVHS) Commission for July-December, 2009, payments. Balances of Lakeview Nursing Home's fixed assets and accumulated depreciation values as of June 30, 2009, would be transferred to a new fund called "Lakeview Capital Assets," and \$150,000 of tax levy dollars would be transferred to this new fund to pay for any assets purchased from July 1, 2009, to December 31, 2009. **MOTION** by Plesha/Richmond to approve the Resolution Re: Authorization to Transfer Lakeview 2009 Tax Levy Dollars to the Human Services Fund and Lakeview Fixed Asset Fund and to Establish a New Fund for Accounting of Mississippi Valley Health Services Commission Transactions. **Motion carried unanimously.** Fisher, Kader excused.

WIPFLI MARKET STUDY ON ASSISTED LIVING & CARROLL HEIGHTS SURVEY

Pete Eide introduced Mike Edwin, who presented Wipfli's market study and survey regarding a possible residential care apartment complex at Hillview. He stated that surveys were provided to Carroll Heights residents, who represent the primary target market, and showed that 97% were happy with overall living at Carroll Heights, 77% would consider a Hillview assisted living option, and 77% would like to be on a waiting list. Regarding national demographic trends, Edwin reported that by 2026, the 65 and older population will double, and by 2015 the 85 and older population will double. He reported that nursing home stays have decreased as many residents are admitted short-term for therapy and discharged to their home or an assisted living facility. The number of nursing home beds in the state has thus declined as the number of assisted living units has risen. He spoke about a continuum of care model that would be ideal for any nursing home, including Hillview, and would include providing nursing home care, community-based care (e.g. home health or hospice), assisted living, and independent living on a single campus. He reported that the market study projected significant growth in the 75 and older population after 2014 with increasing need for assisted living from 2010 to 2030. Eide reported that an assisted living facility in La Crosse recently closed. There was considerable discussion, with questions also raised by Supervisors Freedland and Ebert, regarding market saturation, competition in the private sector and price comparisons, and income levels vis-à-vis affordable options.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE CONCEPT OF A RESIDENTIAL CARE APARTMENT COMPLEX ON THE HILLVIEW CAMPUS

The Resolution approves the concept of a Residential Care Apartment Complex on the Hillview campus, and directs the County Administrator, Finance Director and Hillview management team to bring back a timetable for approval by the Aging and Long Term Care Committee and the County Board that would enable construction to begin in 2010. Steve O'Malley explained that, if approved by the committee, the Resolution will be presented to the County Board February 18, 2010, with a full presentation, debate and vote at the March 8, 2010, Policy Planning meeting. If approved by the full Board, another Resolution would go to the Aging and Long Term Care Committee in March, 2010, regarding the size of the facility, budget, funding and to seek bids. **MOTION** by Richmond/Medinger to approve the Resolution Re: Authorization to Approve the Concept of a Residential Care Apartment Complex on the Hillview Campus. **Motion carried unanimously.** Fisher, Kader excused.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Assisted Living on the Hillview Campus

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: MARCH 8, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Approved, March 8, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder