

AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

Monday, November 1, 2010
Administrative Center – Room 3220
10:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Plesha, Dan Ferries, Tara Johnson, Audrey Kader (10:23), John Medinger, Andrea Richmond, Jerry Sebranek

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Monica Kruse

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Pete Eide, Noreen Holmes, Kelly Kramer, Margaret Norden, Steve O'Malley, Pam Semb, Jim Speropulos, Bryan Jostad, Gary Ingvalson, Mary Powell

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2010

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Sebranek/Johnson to approve the minutes of October 11, 2010, and to receive and file the following Consent Agenda item:

- a. County Commission on Aging Minutes of September 7, 2010
- b. Lakeview and Hillview audits
- c. Veterans Services Director's report

Motion carried unanimously. Kader, Kruse excused.

Supervisor Medinger asked to have the Lakeview and Hillview audits placed on a future agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

None reported.

AWARD AGING UNIT MEALS PROGRAM CONTRACT

Noreen Holmes presented the bids that were received for food service at the County's nutrition sites. They were evaluated by a team of four with 50 points each awarded for the following criteria: Scope of work, cost, and interview. They were scored as follows:

VENDOR	EVAL. SCORE	BULK MEALS	PACKAGED HOT	PACKAGED COLD
Aramark	148	\$2.99	\$3.24	\$3.19
Chartwell	125	\$3.90	\$4.15	\$4.15
Holmen School Dist.	120	\$4.05	\$4.35	\$4.35
La Crosse School Dist.	116	\$4.02	\$4.32	\$4.32

The team recommended Aramark based on cost (projected budget savings of \$56,595.00), outstanding experience providing food service to La Crosse County, company's experience with Senior Meals Program, and new state of the art kitchen facility. Lengthy discussion was held regarding Aramark's kitchen location in the La Crosse County Jail, the need to clarify their ability to provide meals for entities other than the jail, and whether they pay costs for electricity and other expenses. It was pointed out that Chartwell's kitchen is located on the UW-La Crosse campus, and the school districts also operate out of non-taxable facilities. Supervisor Medinger questioned whether jail inmates were currently working in the kitchen, and Steve O'Malley replied that they will be working there when the transition is completed after construction. Supervisors Plesha and Johnson stated they would like to resolve the policy matter, and also have it referred to Executive Committee, prior to a vote on awarding the contract. Steve O'Malley stated it could be added as a separate topic on an amended Executive Committee agenda, or there could be discussion under an existing item on budget review. He also stated that the Executive Committee meeting could be a joint meeting of both committees. Supervisor Kader raised a point of order, and stated the Aging and Long-Term Care committee should vote on the contract, and that both the ALTC and Executive Committees could discuss policy at subsequent meetings. **MOTION** by Richmond/Kader to close debate.

Motion carried 5-2-1. Johnson, Plesha opposed; Kruse excused. **MOTION** by Kader/Richmond to award the Senior Meals Program food contract to Aramark. **Motion carried 5-2-1.** Johnson, Plesha opposed; Kruse excused.

ASSISTED LIVING UPDATE

Pete Eide reported the ground breaking was on Friday, October 29, 2010, and there is already machinery on site doing ground digging. They will meet bi-weekly with the construction crew. Kelly Kramer reported that she has done research on other assisted living facilities on their billing method, and found that most offer packages with different levels of service, and include an ala carte system. They are also looking at staffing levels to ensure adequate delivery of services. They have had several calls to be on a waiting list.

REPORT ON HILLVIEW AIR QUALITY

Pete Eide reported that an employee claimed there was a mold issue at Hillview. Eide stated that an air quality review has since been conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and reviewed by La Crosse County Health Department; neither found significant or unsafe levels. Eide also obtained an independent, third-party review by Midwest Environmental Management Company, which found the indoor air quality was at very good levels compared to the outdoor control sample. Eide reviewed their check-off procedure for cleaning filters and other locations where mold can grow.

REPORT ON LAKEVIEW AND HILLVIEW PRIVATE PAY RATES

Pete Eide provided information that Carroll Heights rental rates will increase only with the largest two bedroom apartments, which will go from \$735-\$821/month to \$735-\$825/month. Hillview rates will increase as follows:

ACCOUNT	2010 RATE	2011 RATE
Private Pay SNF (skilled nursing)	\$200/day	\$205/day
Private Pay ICF1 (intermediate level)	\$179/day	\$189/day
Private Pay ISN (intense skill)	\$229/day	\$239/day

Pam Semb reported that Lakeview has one level, and their rates will increase from \$200/day to \$220/day. She reported there are seven or eight private pay residents.

2011 BUDGET REVIEW FOR DEPARTMENTS THAT REPORT TO THIS COMMITTEE

Steve O'Malley asked for any points that supervisors wished to clarify. There were no questions from the committee.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Hillview and Lakeview audits

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: DECEMBER 6, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Sebranek/Ferries to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Approved, December 5, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder