

**COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**

**TUESDAY, 12-6-2011**

**CARROLL HEIGHTS DINING ROOM-3505 PARK LANE DR-LA CROSSE, WI 54601**

**10:30 AM TO 11:15 AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sharon Hampson, Vice-Chair, Patricia Boge, Ann Fisher, Shirley Holman, Betty Woodruff

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Audrey Kader, Chairperson, Robert Keil

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Noreen Holmes, Director, County Aging Unit

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Sharon Hampson, Vice Chair, called the regular meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**MINUTES OF 10-4-2011**

**MOTION:** Moved by Betty Woodruff and seconded by Patricia Boge, to approve the Minutes of 10-4-2011. Pass unanimously. Kader and Keil excused.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA (informational)**

**AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**10-20-2011 & 11-7-2011**

Place on file

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**PUBLIC HEARING-SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION FOR 2012**

Noreen Holmes reported that a required public hearing will be held at 11:15 am to present a proposed plan to implement an elderly and disabled transportation program that funds the Mini Bus, Volunteer Driver Program, Find a Ride, a mobility manager, and a program for those needing additional transportation assistance. There will be an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to submit oral or written comments and recommendations.

**APPROVAL S.85.21 ELDERLY DISABLED TRANSPORTATION for 2012**

Noreen Holmes discussed and reviewed the s.85.21 Elderly Disabled Transportation for 2012.

**MOTION:** Moved by Patricia Boge and seconded by Ann Fisher to approve the s.85.21 Elderly Disabled Transportation for 2012. Pass unanimously. Kader and Keil excused.'

**2011 COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS – JANUARY, 2012**

The 2011 Committee/Board meetings will be considered at the next meeting, Tuesday, 1-3-2012. They are not yet available.

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**ROTARY LIGHTS – MONDAY, 12-12-2011 & WEDNESDAY, 12-14-2011**

First Transit and La Crosse County Aging Unit will have a trip through the Rotary Lights on Monday, 12-2011 and Wednesday, 12-14-2011. Pick up will begin at 5pm with door to door service available to senior citizens 60 or older and disabled adults. Wheelchair accommodations is available. Reservations must be made by 12-9-2011 by calling 781-3069. Non-perishable food can be donated for the food pantries.

**GIFTED HANDS UPDATE**

Noreen Holmes reported a check was sent to Workforce Connections for employee pay that was covered under the Older Workers program. They are looking at other funding options, including raising consignor fees. Commission Board members will continue to receive updates.

In January, consignor will pay their annual membership fee, \$30 currently, and may be raised to \$35. Every consignor determines the selling price of their craft item and Gifted Hands tacks on 25% to that cost to support the store.

**VOTER ID UPDATE**

Dates and sites for presentations regarding compliance with the Voter ID law were provided to the Commission Board members as follows:

- January 10, 2012, 10:30 am – Onalaska City Hall
- January 11, 2012, 1:30 pm - Holmen Village
- January 12, 2012, 1:30 pm - West Salem Village Hall
- January 13, 2012, 10:30 am - La Crosse City Hall

The presentations are a collaboration of the League of Women Voters, AARP, and the Aging Unit to give information and assist with forms. The League of Women Voters has offered volunteer transportation to the Division of Motor Vehicles. The Find a Ride will take ride requests. It takes two to three weeks after the application is made to receive the ID. If the ID is not received in time to vote, the DMV is required to give a receipt which can be used in place of the ID. Discussion was held about the delay to receive the ID when driver's licenses are available immediately.

**SUPER COMMITTEE POTENTIAL CUTS**

The Super Committee's failure means the sequestration process is triggered and automatic, across the board cuts of \$1.2 trillion established would take effect in January 2013.

The sequester would be in addition to the \$1 trillion in spending cuts in the forms of limits on annual spending over the next decade. Several programs are exempted: Social Security, Medicaid and several low-income entitlement programs. (Medicare benefits could not be cut but provider payments could be reduced by up to 2%).

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**MEAL SITES  
STATISTICS**

A graph showing the County Aging Unit's congregate and home delivered meals from 1995-2010 and a meal program analysis was provided to the Commission Board members.

**HMONG CULTURAL & COMMUNITY CENTER FUTURE MEETING PLACE**

A meeting may be scheduled in 2012 at the Hmong Cultural and Community Center but not on Wednesday and Thursday due to their meal site on those days.

**TOUR OF HILLVIEW TERRACE**

Commission Board members took a tour of the Hillview Terrace Assisted Living on the Hillview campus after the meeting. Hillview Terrace Holiday Open House will be Monday, 12-19-2011 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Betty Woodruff and seconded by Ann Fisher to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

**Approved: 1-3-2012.** Noreen Holmes, Recorder