

AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

Monday, January 10, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

10:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Plesha, Dan Ferries, Tara Johnson, Audrey Kader, Monica Kruse, John Medinger, Andrea Richmond, Jerry Sebranek

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Pete Eide, Kelly Kramer, Pam Semb, Noreen Holmes, Jim Gausmann, Margaret Norden, Pat Killeen, Bryan Jostad, Jim Becker, Sharon Hampson, Jim Speropulos, Carolyn Mahlum Jenkins, Jean Marck

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2010

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Sebranek/Richmond to approve the minutes of December 6, 2010, and to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items:

- a) Ripples & Waves
- b) RCAC financial update
- c) Minutes of December 7, 2010, Commission on Aging Public Hearing and Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

None reported.

COMMITTEE EDUCATION

Jim Gausmann reviewed new programs, as follows:

- Disabled Veterans' Property Tax Credit

Any veteran who is considered 100% service-connected disabled, or their spouse, or the surviving spouse of a serviceperson killed in action is eligible for a property tax refund for their primary residence. In La Crosse County they have processed 56 refunds for a total of \$185,000; statewide, the total is \$9 million.

- La Crosse Vet Center's function and relationships to other VA services

The new Vet Center's grand opening will be January 21, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a program at 10:00 a.m. Gausmann reported that it is another resource for veterans, and does more work with families than the Veterans Administration. Supervisor Kader suggested listing the service sites in La Crosse, the services they offer, and location on the department website.

APPROVE UTILIZATION OF DARRELL S. LARSON BEQUEST OR FUND BALANCE MATCH TO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT FOR HMONG ELDERS

Noreen Holmes reported that the Aging Unit applied for a \$15,000 grant from the La Crosse Community Foundation for a senior meal site at the Hmong Cultural and Community Center. The Aging Unit would also like to have cultural exchanges with other senior meal sites. The Foundation funded half the requested amount with the stipulation that the County fund the other half. Holmes sought permission to use funds from the Darrell S. Larson Estate for the County match. Discussion was held regarding the fund balance and uses. **MOTION** by Richmond/Johnson to approve using funds from Darrell S. Larson Estate to match the La Crosse Community Foundation's grant for a senior meal site at the Hmong Cultural and Community Center. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES SURVEY

Noreen Holmes provided a survey from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation that is part of a research project conducted by the National Center for Freight & Infrastructure Research & Education (CFIRE) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Discussion was held about getting the survey to a broad

range of people so the results would be representational. The survey will be used for a statewide transportation analysis, and also an analysis specific to La Crosse County.

APPROVE ARAMARK LAUNDRY SERVICES CONTRACT

Bryan Jostad reported that Aramark provides laundry services for Hillview and Lakeview, the Juvenile Detention Center, and the Sheriff's Department. The proposal to extend the contract was reviewed by a team that recommended extending for 60 months. The team cited reliable performance and no proposed payment increase for five years. Discussion was held regarding market competition, equipment ownership, and cost comparison to other counties. **MOTION** by Sebranek/Richmond to approve the Aramark laundry services contract extension. **Motion carried 7-1.** Medinger opposed.

STATE SURVEY UPDATE

Pete Eide reported that the recent state survey cited Hillview for an infraction related to four faulty call lights that will result in a fine of \$6,000.00. Eide explained that there is a back-up call system, and that no resident was harmed. Pam Semb reported that Lakeview is currently being surveyed, and findings are not completed. There was discussion regarding the survey process, appeals, and consequences of citations. Eide pointed out that any fines go to the state education fund, and not to any nursing home fund to improve quality or training. Semb reported on a lengthy conversation she had with State Senator Kapanke on regulatory reform, and asked for the committee's support if a bill is introduced.

ASSISTED LIVING UPDATE

Pete Eide reported that construction on the RCAC is discontinued for the next six to eight weeks, so they are behind schedule, but could make up time when weather allows. He anticipates a mid-November, 2011, completion. They are doing renovations on two units in Carroll Heights. Jim Speropulos reviewed the change orders for the committee.

LAKEVIEW AND HILLVIEW CONTINGENCY PLANS

Pete Eide provided the indexes for the Hillview and Lakeview contingency plans for events ranging from natural disasters to intruders. He stated that they are prepared to be self-sufficient for 96 hours following any event that would trigger use of the plan, and also have an evacuation plan in place.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None requested.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING AND CONFLICT WITH WCA LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

No supervisor conflicts with the WCA conference were brought up. Next meeting: February 7, 2011, at 10:15 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Richmond/Medinger to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Approved, February 7, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder