

## **AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE**

Monday, July 11, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

10:15 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roger Plesha, Dan Ferries, Audrey Kader (10:16 a.m.), Tara Johnson, Monica Kruse, John Medinger (10:16 a.m.), Jerry Sebranek

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Andrea Richmond

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Gary Ingvalson, Noreen Kuroski, Pete Eide, Pam Semb, Margaret Norden, Kelly Kramer, Wanda Plachecki, Mary Powell, Ginny Dankmeyer, Pat Killeen, Carolyn Mahlum Jenkins, Jean Marck, Jim Speropulos, Audra Martine

### **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2011**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Sebranek/Ferries to approve the minutes of June 6, 2011, and to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items:

- a) *Ripples & Waves*
- b) Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes, April 5 and May 3, 2011
- c) Volunteer Recognition Event

**Motion carried unanimously.** Kader, Medinger, Richmond excused.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pat Killeen, AARP, expressed interest in working with the County Clerk and Aging Unit on the Voter ID requirement. He reported he attended a training session at the Clerk's invitation.

### **CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT**

None reported.

### **UPDATE ON ELDERLY VOTER REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION**

Noreen Kuroski provided a copy of a brochure published by the Coalition of WI Aging Groups that explains the new Voter ID Law. She also provided a Channel3000.com information sheet about the cost to the state of providing free State ID's to those who wish to have one in lieu of a driver's license. They estimate the cost will be \$1.9 million per year, a cost that will come from the transportation fund which is used to pay for highway improvements. Kuroski reported her primary concern is putting too many barriers on elderly voters, who will not want to deal with them. AARP and the Aging Unit are doing outreach about what is required. Ginny Dankmeyer reported that there will be more training for clerks and poll workers when ID's become mandatory in 2012; in 2011 voters will be asked to show an ID, but will be allowed to vote if they don't produce one.

### **AGING IN PLACE**

Noreen Kuroski reported on a seminar on July 16, 2011, at the Lunda Center that will focus on "aging friendly homes." The seminar will include presentations and demonstrations by area builders and suppliers. They are trying to get a class for certification of Aging in Place specialists. There was discussion about services and budgeting. Kuroski stated she is not anticipating huge cuts for meal sites and home delivered meals. If there are more cuts than anticipated, there could be an increase in meal price. Other options are asking for more county funding and federal funding.

### **REPORT ON WESTERN WISCONSIN CARES AND UPDATE ON FAMILY CARE**

Tim Garrity, director of Western Wisconsin Cares, spoke about the impact of state budget cuts on Family Care. He stated that the state built managed care organizations on the notion that there would be expansion, and an anticipation that MCO's would struggle with budget for two years until they came into full entitlement. With the current biennial budget, the second half of the bargain is not coming through. In WWC's case, there is a \$330,000 deficit that was worked into the budget, which would have gone away with full entitlement, but now won't happen. The state's cap on enrollment means that only by death, moving, or disenrollment for another reason can slots be filled. Garrity said that having enrollment based

on member months, rather than enrollment slots or member name, gives some flexibility. There was lengthy discussion about waiting lists and enrollment criteria, and supervisors posed hypothetical situations, which Garrity and Audra Martine, from the Aging and Disability Resource Center, answered. Supervisor Johnson complimented Garrity on his leadership on the issue.

#### **HILLVIEW TERRACE UPDATE**

Pete Eide reported that construction is going well due to good weather. If there is rain, crews are able to move into Carroll Heights for remodeling of the connecting area. They are working on the second floor, and trusses for a roof will be the next step. He estimates there are 100 people on the waiting list. Eide stated that out of those, there could be six to twelve who will want to move in right away. He predicts the unit will be at full capacity by spring or early summer. He anticipates a November, 2011, opening.

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

Dealing with elderly in La Crosse County Jail

Carroll Heights long-range view of occupancy

Concealed carry law and policy on posting signs at nursing homes to prohibit guns

#### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: AUGUST 8, 2011**

The August meeting will be at Lakeview, and the September meeting at Hillview.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Plesha declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**Approved,** August 8, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder