

AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

August 8, 2011

Lakeview Health Care Center

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Roger Plesha, Dan Ferries, Audrey Kader, Monica Kruse, John Medinger, Andrea Richmond, Jerry Sebranek
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Tara Johnson
OTHERS PRESENT:	Pete Eide, Kelly Kramer, Pam Semb, Wanda Plachecki, Jim Gausmann, Jim Speropulos, Steve O'Malley, Bryan Jostad, Mary Powell, Terri Pavlic

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2011 AND CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Sebranek/Richmond to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2011 Aging and Long Term Care meeting and to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items:

a. Ripples & Waves

Motion carried unanimously. (Johnson excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve O'Malley indicated Tara Johnson appointed Steve Doyle to serve on the ALTC committee in her place.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

There were no conference/meeting reports.

REPORT ON CHANGES IN VA EDUCATION BENEFITS

Jim Gausmann reported that there have been some changes this fall with the Post 9/11 GI Bill and the Wisconsin GI Bill. Tuition is now capped nationally at \$17,500 per academic year, which was previously unlimited. Veterans get between \$1,000 and \$1,400 a month based on cost of living, but this is no longer payable on school breaks. Post 9/11 becomes available for non-college degrees, on-the-job training, and correspondence courses. Veterans taking distance learning courses will now be able to receive a portion of the monthly education allowance. Recent legislation also gives "military credit" for National Guard members who were called up after 9/11 by state governors to provide airport security, border duty, etc. In the past, only vets called up in support of Iraq or Afghanistan were allowed post 9/11 GI Bill benefits.

The Wisconsin GI Bill provides free tuition for Veterans who attend state public schools. In the past, entitlement to WI GI Bill benefits were reduced even if the VA was paying tuition under the new Post 9/11 program. Legislation has now been passed that prevents the UW and Technical College system from charging entitlement to both programs. WTC projects an enrollment of 1800 students receiving veterans' education benefits this fiscal year, and UW-L projects an enrollment of about 250 students using VA programs.

UPDATE ON LAKEVIEW FACILITY FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ANNUAL SURVEY AND UPDATE ON LAKEVIEW NURSING HOME COMPLAINT SURVEY

Lakeview had a couple of Milwaukee surveyors here last month to do the annual survey on the Facility for the Developmentally Disabled. They received three low level cites related to consents for medications and behavior plans. The surveyors came back the next day and did some self reports in the nursing home, and they got 1 state class B out of that. Overall it was a positive survey experience.

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HILLVIEW TERRACE UPDATE AND APPROVE BIDS AND CHANGE ORDER

Pete discussed the 3 bids for furniture, resident unit appliances, and kitchen equipment for Hillview Terrace. The three vendors responding were Direct Supply, based out of Milwaukee, Reinhart here in La Crosse, and Benedict from Eau Claire. Every apartment will have a refrigerator and microwave, but comes with no furniture. There are two model units that will be furnished for marketing purposes, and the common areas will have furniture.

MOTION by Richmond/Kader to approve the bids as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.** (Johnson excused)

Jim Speropulos reported that after doing footings and foundation, they ran into quite a bit of unsuitable soils that didn't meet compaction standards. Also, there was a delay for "weather hold" and a delay for "adverse weather", but some of these delays were because of the soils. Jim has had many discussions and negotiations between himself, PDC and the contractor. He presented a change order that added \$21,763.33 to the contract sum.

MOTION by Richmond/Ferries to approve the Change Order as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.** (Kader abstained; Johnson excused).

Jim Speropulos also discussed the Financial Report that was included in the packets. The contingency with what was just approved is \$84,842.87, which includes a pending charge for \$11,877.60 for the sidewalk. Pete Eide and Jim both feel that this one should be kept on hold to see if there any other major things to deal with.

REPORT ON CARROLL HEIGHTS LONG-RANGE VIEW OF OCCUPANCY

Pete Eide reported that they have approximately 105 people on the list who are interested in Assisted Living. Of those, approximately 15 are Carroll Heights tenants. Carroll Heights is a low income housing facility. The amount of rent increases the last 5-10 years have been very minimal. There are three openings currently for the small 1 bedroom units.

MVHS ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER

Steve O'Malley reminded everyone that the annual meeting for Mississippi Valley Health Services is Wednesday, August 17 at 1:00 p.m. Roger will attend on the committee's behalf.

SPECIAL MEETING REGARDING HAIL DAMAGE BID – AUGUST 18, 2011

There will be a special meeting of this committee on August 18, 2011 at 8:45 a.m. just prior to County Board to award bids for the hail damage replacement at Hillview.

NEXT MEETING:

Sincere there is a conflict with the Labor Day Holiday, it was decided to move the ALTC Committee meeting to September 12, which is the following Monday. The meeting will be held at the Sunshine Room at Hillview at 10:15 a.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Approved, September 12, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder