

## VETERANS, AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

June 11, 2012

Lakeview Health Care Center

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Roger Plesha, Dan Ferries, Sharon Hampson, Dave Holtze
<b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b>	Andrea Richmond
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Pete Eide, Pam Semb, Wanda Plachecki, Jim Gausmann, Jim Speropulos, Steve O'Malley, Terri Pavlic

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

### APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2012 AND CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION** by Holtze/Ferries to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2012 Veterans, Aging and Long Term Care meeting and to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. *Ripples & Waves*
- b. *Hillview Family Newsletter*
- c. *Scatter garden completion*

**Motion carried unanimously.** (Richmond excused)

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

Sharon Hampson attending the Vital Aging Conference and thought it was very good and had some interesting speakers.

### HILLVIEW TERRACE UPDATE

Pete Eide reported that 26 of the apartments are filled with 3 still pending, so this would be 29 out of 30 units filled. There are still a few items that aren't totally completed on the building, but hopefully will be by next month.

### OVERVIEW OF LAKEVIEW HISTORY

Pam Semb distributed a handout highlighting the history of Lakeview. Lakeview opened in 1888 under the name La Crosse County Insane Asylum; then in 1947 the name changed to La Crosse County Hospital. The site was purchased for \$8,100 and the building erected in 1887 cost a total of \$57,600.22. The "Asylum" originally housed 24 "inmates" in 1888 and grew to 285 inmates in 1947. The farm was self-sustaining with both the inmates and staff working the farm. In 2008, the Mississippi Valley Health Services Commission was formed with partnering counties. Currently, Lakeview is facing declining census and multiple challenges with the aging building.

### VETERANS SERVICES REPORT

Jim Gausmann distributed information on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Suicide Prevention and World War II Veteran Update.

- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) – It is estimated by VA that 1 in 4 to 1 in 5 vets coming back from combat have or will be diagnosed with PTSD. Jim distributed information on treatment and symptoms of PTSD. Jim spends much of his time working with these people filing claims, interviewing them and arranging for referrals and care.

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- Suicide Prevention – statistics show that a veteran commits suicide every 80 hrs in this country.
- World War II Veteran Population – in 1994 there were an estimated 3300 WWII veterans in La Crosse County. As of May 2012, the estimate was down to 600 WWII vets still living.

**NEXT MEETING: July 9, 2012**

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Dunn County Plan (Pam Semb)
- Utility Bills from Lakeview

### **ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Holtze/Ferries to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously.** (Richmond excused)

**Approved**  
**Terri Pavlic**  
**July 9, 2012**