

## LA CROSSE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

<b>COMMITTEE OR BOARD:</b>	<b>VETERANS, AGING &amp; LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>MONDAY, December 6, 2021</b>
<b>MEETING PLACE:</b>	<b>Administrative Center, County Board Room 1700 212 6<sup>th</sup> Street N, La Crosse, WI 54601</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
<b>TIME OF MEETING:</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>
<b>PURPOSE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>MONTHLY MEETING</b>
1.	Roll Call/Call to Order
2.	Public Comment
3.	Approve Veterans, Aging & Long-Term Care Committee Minutes of November 1, 2021
4.	Consent Agenda (Informational): a. Census b. Pandemic Response Update c. Vaccine Mandate
5.	Conference/Meeting Report
6.	Hillview Planning 1. RFP Architectural/Construction Management 2. Grant Update
7.	Hillview The Oaks Update
8.	Resolution Re: Authorization to Transfer \$200,000 from Carroll Heights Cash Balance to a New Fund Called "The Oaks" – A State Only Licensed Nursing Home as Part of the Hillview Campus
9.	Red Cross Smoke Detector Program
10.	Next Committee Meeting: January 10, 2022
11.	Future Agenda Items
12.	Adjourn

**NOTICES FAXED/MAILED TO:**

**NEWS MEDIA**

La Crosse Tribune  
Other Media

**OTHERS**

Ryan Westpfahl  
Krista Heinz/Coulee Cap  
Bryan Jostad  
Jennifer Briseno

**DEPARTMENTS**

County Administrator  
County Board Chair  
County Clerk  
Facilities

**EMAIL:**

Wanda Plachecki  
Audra Martine  
Kelly Kramer  
Adam Flood

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Roger Plesha, Chair  
Dan Ferries  
Andrea Richmond  
Grant Mathu  
Barb Janssen

**MEMBERS:** If unable to attend, call the County Clerk's Office at 785-9581.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Committee may receive information from the public, but the Committee reserves the right to limit the time that the public may comment and the degree to which members of the public may participate in the meeting.

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:** If you need accommodations to attend this meeting, please contact the County Clerk's Office at (608)785-9581 as soon as possible.

**DATE NOTICE FAXED/MAILED/POSTED: December 1, 2021**

*This meeting may be recorded, and any such recording is subject to disclosure under the Wisconsin Open Records Law.*

**All attendees of this meeting are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to wear a face mask!!**

**VETERANS, AGING & LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE****Monday, November 1, 2021****Room 1700, County Board Room****8:00 a.m.**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Roger Plesha (Chair), Dan Ferries, Grant Mathu, Barb Janssen, Andrea Richmond
<b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b>	None
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	None
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Steve O'Malley, Wanda Plachecki, Kelly Kramer, Jane Klekamp, Ryan Westpfahl, Amy Simonis, Adam Flood, Monica Kruse, Ken Rotar, Joyce McLaughlin

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Roger Plesha called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

Veterans Aging & Long-Term Care Committee – October 11, 2021. **MOTION** by Richmond/Ferries to approve the minutes of October 11, 2021. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Census Update – included in the packet was a Census and COVID-19 Update regarding vaccinations and booster and County transmission and positivity rates and a staffing update from Wanda Plachecki. Staffing difficulties are not resolving. Looking at ways to attract new staff including a wage adjustment. This will be discussed at the November County Board Meeting.

**Motion** by Richmond/Mathu to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT:** Veteran's Bonanza occurred. The event was well attended.

**HILLVIEW PLANNING – SITE PLAN REVIEW**

Julie Heiberger from Hoffman Planning, Design & Construction presented a power point overviewing the site planning for the Hillview Campus. Phase one includes construction plans for the CBRFs. Power point is attached.

**HILLVIEW THE OAKS UPDATE**

**Licensing** – Kelly Kramer spoke on the progress of licensing of The Oaks. Needed to submit written details from the architects regarding the renovations for this area. An in-person inspection will need to occur prior to opening. The Oaks will continue in the new Hillview due to needs of the community.

**2022 DEPARTMENT BUDGETS**

Jane Klekamp is working with departments on budgets that report to the VALTC committee. All information is in the 2022 Budget Book. Hillview has budgeted for the redesign plan in 2022. Veteran's Services has increased their staff. Fees for long term care start on page 14 and the capital improvements start on page 462.

**VETERANS SERVICE UPDATE:**

Adam Flood presented a quick overview on the vision and key issues the department is working on. Key issues include: better staff training to represent La Crosse County veterans, decreasing the wait time for appointments, and working with other entities to help better serve veterans and their families.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:** December 6, 2021

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Please direct items to Roger Plesha or Joyce McLaughlin.

**ADJOURNMENT: MOTION** by Richmond/Janssen to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Disclaimer:** The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next committee meeting. Joyce McLaughlin, Recorder



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Long Term Services, Wanda Plachecki/Executive Director

TO: Veterans, Aging & Long-Term Care Committee  
FROM: Wanda Plachecki, NHA  
DATE: December 2, 2021  
RE: Census/COVID-19 Updates/staffing update

**CENSUS UPDATES**

**Lakeview Health Center & Assisted Living Campus**

Census for the Lakeview campus is:

- Lakeview Health Center
  - Census: 50
  - Licensed Beds 50
- Ravenwood
  - Census: 8
  - Licensed Beds: 10
- Maplewood
  - Census: 15
  - Licensed Beds: 15
- Neshonoc Manor
  - Census: 15
  - Licensed Beds: 15
- Monarch Manor
  - Census: 8
  - Licensed Beds: 8
- Regent Manor
  - Census: 4
  - Licensed Beds: 4



## **Hillview Health Care Center & Assisted Living Campus**

Census for the Hillview campus is

- Hillview Health Care Center
  - Census: 71 in-house (2 in hospital)
  - Licensed Beds: 110
  - 77.3 average daily census through 11/30/21
- Carroll Heights
  - Census: 54
  - Licensed Beds: 55
- Hillview Terrace
  - Census: 27
  - Licensed Beds: 30

### **PANDEMIC UPDATE:**

#### **Vaccination Rates:**

- Residents that are vaccinated:
  - 96% Hillview
  - 92% of Lakeview
- Staff that have at least one vaccine in the COVID-19
  - 92% Hillview
  - 91% Lakeview

**County Transmission & Positivity Rates:** With the County transmission rate still in a high category, we continue to follow enhanced source control with mask and eye wear protection, social distance and monitor all infection control procedures with residents, staff, and visitors.

### **VACCINATION MANDATE UPDATE:**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announced its Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination Interim Final Rule (“Interim Final Rule”) emergency regulations, requiring vaccinations for health care staff as a condition for participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The decision was based on the continued and growing spread of the COVID-19 virus in health care settings. All staff, including volunteers, board members, and vendors will need to have at least the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by December 6<sup>th</sup> unless granted a religious or medical exemption. To date, approximately 12 individuals have requested exemptions. These exemptions are being reviewed by the LaCrosse County Human Resource department.

With the rapid implementation of this mandate, it is expected that our staffing challenges will dramatically increase. Department managers are modifying their emergency crisis staffing plans to address these expected vacancies.

NOTE: A federal judge in Louisiana Tuesday granted a [preliminary injunction](#) against the Biden administration's COVID-19 regulation. It encompasses all states "due to a need for uniformity." We are moving forward with implementation of this mandate despite this injunction in order to ensure we are prepared.

Please contact me with any questions you may have related to census, pandemic response, staffing or other long-term care issues. You may contact me at 608-612-0640 or [wplachecki@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:wplachecki@lacrossecounty.org).



RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**ITEM #**  
**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_  
For: \_\_\_\_\_  
Against: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abs/Excd: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote Req: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Action: \_\_\_\_\_

**VALTC COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_  
For: \_\_\_\_\_  
Against: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abs/Excd: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_  
For: \_\_\_\_\_  
Against: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abs/Excd: \_\_\_\_\_

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER \$200,000 FROM CARROLL HEIGHTS CASH BALANCE TO A NEW FUND CALLED "THE OAKS" - A STATE ONLY LICENSED NURSING HOME AS PART OF THE HILLVIEW CAMPUS**

**WHEREAS**, Hillview Health Care Center, in collaboration with La Crosse County Human Services Department and local hospitals, has identified a need to provide care to individuals with significant behavioral symptoms; and,

**WHEREAS**, these individuals include seniors with dementia, mental illness, and those in need of crisis stabilization; and,

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County already has experience in operating "Ravenwood", a state only licensed nursing home on the Lakeview Campus which serves a similar population; and,

**WHEREAS**, Hillview Health Care Center staff have applied with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for a license to operate a State only nursing home to support our local community in meeting gaps in care; and,

**WHEREAS**, the plan is to convert one hallway within the walls of the current Hillview Health Care Center into this 10-bed facility, with remodeling and start-up costs estimated to be \$200,000.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that \$200,000 be transferred from Carroll Heights cash balance to a new fund called "The Oaks", and the Finance Director is authorized to take the actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Transfer \$200,000 from Carroll Heights Fund cash account 618-11101.970 to The Oaks Fund cash account 612-11101.970. The balance in the Carroll Heights cash account as of November 23, 2021 was \$2,374,733.53.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

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	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended
Co. Admin.	_____	SO _____	_____
Fin. Director	SRV _____	_____	_____
Corp. Counsel	_____	_____	_____
Board Chair	_____	_____	_____

Requested By: Sharon Davidson  
Date Requested: November 17, 2021  
Drafted By: County Clerk

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021