

**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 5, 2022</b>
<b>MEETING PLACE:</b>	<b>Hillview Health Care Center, 100 Wing Day Room 3501 Park Lane Drive, La Crosse, WI 54601</b>
<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 October 10, 2022
4.	Director's Report (Informational): a. Census b. Staffing Update
5.	Conference/Meeting Report
6.	Resolution re: Authorization to Received 2022 American Rescue Plan Act HCBS (Home & Community Based Services) Grant Money
7.	Veteran's Services - Update
8.	Hillview Planning and Design Update
9.	Next Committee Meeting: January 9, 2023
10.	Future Agenda Items
11.	Tour of the buildings available after the meeting
11.	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  
Veteran's officer

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Roger Plesha, Chair  
Dan Ferries  
Peg Isola  
Grant Mathu  
Gary Padesky

**MEMBERS:** If unable to attend, call the County Clerk's Office at 608-785-9581.

**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:**

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

**VETERANS, AGING & LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE****Monday, October 10, 2022****Room 1700, County Board Room 8:00****a.m.**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Roger Plesha (Chair), Dan Ferries, Peg Isola, Grant Mathu, Gary Padesky
<b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b>	None
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	None

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** George Armond had two questions regarding Regent Manor. He is wondering if there was an update as to whom will provide regular nursing, and wound care treatment.

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

Veterans Aging & Long-Term Care Committee – September 6, 2022. **MOTION** by Padesky/Isola to approve the minutes of September 6, 2022. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**CONFERENCE AND MEETING REPORT:** Peg Isola attended the WCA Conference and through it was a great experience. She is happy to answer any questions anyone may have.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The director's report was distributed to members. Correction that there are currently 26 residents at Hillview Terrace.

**2023 BUDGET DISCUSSION** – Interim County Administrator Jane Klekamp presented the overall budget highlights for the departments that report to the VALTC committee. Additional information is available online in the budget book.

**REGENT MANOR ADULT FAMILY HOME UPDATE:** Wanda Plackeki gave an update regarding Regent Manor. There is one interested party to take over the staffing and license, but they have recently had staff changes and are not sure they can take on the additional work. Did have a meeting with INCLUSA and Family Care who fund the three residents in the facility. They had some suggestions, and we will reach out to additional vendors. Will continue to manage the facility until we have a plan in place. Nursing services that we provide will continue. La Crosse County still owns and operates the license.

**HILLVIEW PLANNING AND DESIGN UPDATE:** Jason Diem from Hoffman talked about the updated to the Hillview Construction. Excavation cost came back higher than expected. Next steps are to work with excavators to see if we can reduce the cost in any way. By week of October 24<sup>th</sup> we will have a good update on the budget and cost and will qualify the bid for excavation. Bid package two will be open on 10/20/22, which is the bid for the building.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:** November 7, 2022

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT: MOTION** by Mathu/Isola to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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



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Long Term Services, Wanda Plachecki/Executive Director

TO: VALTC members  
FROM: Wanda Plachecki, NHA  
DATE: December 1, 2022

**CENSUS UPDATES**

**Lakeview Health Center & Assisted Living Campus**

Census for the Lakeview campus is:

- Lakeview Health Center
  - Census: 48 (2 admissions planned for early Dec)
  - Licensed Beds: 50
- Ravenwood
  - Census: 7 (assessing 8 referrals currently on list)
  - Licensed Beds: 10
- Maplewood
  - Census: 15
  - Licensed Beds: 15
- Neshonoc Manor
  - Census: 15
  - Licensed Beds: 15
- Monarch Manor
  - Census: 6
  - Licensed Beds: 8
- Regent Manor
  - Census: 3
  - Licensed Beds: 4

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

Census for the Hillview campus is

- Hillview Health Care Center
  - Census: 59 in-house with 2 in hospital
  - Licensed Beds: 75
  - 55.5 average daily census for November 2022 with average rehab days of 6.6 for November. Year-to-date average daily census is 65.
- Carroll Heights
  - Census: 53

- Licensed Beds: 55
- Hillview Terrace (no information available for the Terrace as of the time of this report) Previous month's census is as follows:
  - Census: 23
  - Licensed Beds: 30
- The Oaks
  - Census: 4
  - Licensed Beds: 10

## **STAFFING UPDATE**

The Long Term Care Recruiter position has been filled. Kylee Breaker comes to us with recruiter experience. Over the past month, Kylee has been working to understand our long term care business and County processes as part of her onboarding process. Her background as a recruiter has been very helpful as we review our current recruitment strategy and make adjustments, as recommended.

Current needs in nursing remain high. These vacancies have impacted the Hillview Health Care Center nursing home census as well as the census in our smaller assisted living programs on the Lakeview campus. Combined with the recent announcement of the closure of a nursing home in Caledonia MN, along with admission slow-downs in our facility and others in our region, the availability of long term care services in our region continues to decline.

One strategy to address this issue has been to assess our shift differentials. The weekend differential was identified as "low" compared to other nursing homes and assisted living in our region. This differential was recently increased by \$1/hr for all direct care staff that are scheduled on the weekends.

We continue to assess our direct care wages and other benefits that may be helpful in recruiting these workers. We also continue to explore opportunities to expand the number of workers for these positions and actively participate on a number of State workgroups focused on the healthcare workforce.

Please contact me with any questions you may have related to this report 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE 2022 AMERICAN RESUCE PLAN ACT HCBS (HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES) GRANT MONEY**

**WHEREAS**, the Lakeview Health Center Assisted Living campus has 3 CBRF's (community based residential facility) that serve Medicaid eligible residents in West Salem, and

**WHEREAS**, opportunities for community inclusion have been limited due to access to transportation and medical and social opportunities in a more rural community, and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has awarded the Lakeview Health Center Assisted Living campus an ARPA HCBS (Home & Community Based Services) grant of \$82,485.42 to be used to enhance inclusion opportunities for our assisted living residents, including purchase of a low-profile van and telecommunication equipment.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the \$82,485.42 in grant funding from the WI Department of Health Services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute any contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, after approve by Corporation Counsel; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate budget adjustments relating to accepting this additional grant funding.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Total grant award is \$82,485.42, with no County match required. The operating costs will be tracked under the following orgs: 624 (Maplewood), 625 (Neshonoc Manor), and 627 (Monarch Manor) divisions within the County financial system and overseen by the Long Term Care department, Lakeview Health Center & Assisted Living division.

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

**VALTC COMMITTEE CHAIR**

**RECORDING CLERK**

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

Requested By: Wanda Plachecki  
Date Requested: December 1, 2022  
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022