

LA CROSSE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE OR BOARD:	VETERANS, AGING & LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING:	MONDAY, February 6, 2023
MEETING PLACE:	Administrative Center, Conference Room 1107 212 6th Street N, La Crosse, WI 54601 Click here to join the meeting
TIME OF MEETING:	8:00 A.M.
PURPOSE OF MEETING:	MONTHLY MEETING
1.	Roll Call/Call to Order
2.	Public Comment
3.	Approve Veterans, Aging & Long-Term Care Committee Minutes of December 5, 2022
4.	Director's Report (Informational): a. Census b. Staffing Update c. Neshonoc Manor/Maplewood CBRF Surveys
5.	Conference/Meeting Report
6.	Veterans Service Officer Update
7.	Hillview Campus Planning Update
8.	Next Committee Meeting: March 6, 2023
9.	Future Agenda Items
10.	Adjourn

NOTICES FAXED/MAILED TO:

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Ryan Westpfahl
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County Board Chair
County Clerk
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Wanda Plachecki
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Kelly Kramer
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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: February 2, 2023

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VETERANS, AGING & LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE
Monday, December 5, 2022
Hillview Health Care Center

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Roger Plesha (Chair), Dan Ferris, Peg Isola, Grant Mathu, Gary Padesky
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	None
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Roger Plesha called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

APPROVE MINUTES:

Veterans Aging & Long-Term Care Committee – October 10, 2022. **MOTION** by Ferris/Mathu to approve the minutes of October 10, 2022. **Motion carried unanimously.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The director's report was distributed to members. Kylee Breaker has been hired as the long term care recruiter. Current needs in nursing staff remains high. The State of Wisconsin is paying for CNA training if you are employed at a nursing home.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT – None.

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

The Lakeview Health Center Assisted Living campus has 3 CBRF's (community based residential facility) that serve Medicaid eligible residents in West Salem. Opportunities for community inclusion have been limited due to access to transportation and medical and social opportunities in a more rural community. 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. **MOTION** by Ferris and Isola to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VETERAN'S SERVICES UPDATE: Interviews are in process and will be finished this week. Hope to have someone on board quickly.

HILLVIEW PLANNING AND DESIGN UPDATE: Hoffman and Associates provided an update on the current situation. Bids for the project came back very high, almost double what was anticipated. Labor has increased substantially and the availability of materials is an issue. The project is not feasible in the current state. Hoffman is committed to working with the county. Medicaid rates are going up, but it will not cover all costs, assisted living will be an important part of stabilizing operations. In 2018 an evaluation of the building was completed, and the report was 15 million to remodel the building. Over 8 million was HVAC. At that time seemed out of range, but now we may need to rethink. Planning to bring options for the project to the January County Board Advance. This is an opportunity to look at things in a new way. Please let Jane know of any questions you may have. The staff at Hillview has worked very hard to maintain a quality of care.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: January 9, 2023

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION** by Padesky/Isola 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. Erin Klar, Recorder



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Long Term Services, Wanda Plachecki/Executive Director

TO: VALTC members
FROM: Wanda Plachecki, NHA
DATE: February 2, 2023

CENSUS UPDATES

Lakeview Health Center & Assisted Living Campus

Census for the Lakeview campus is:

- Lakeview Health Center
 - Census: 46 (3 admissions planned for the next week, 1 referral being processed for admission in February)
 - Licensed Beds: 50
- Ravenwood
 - Census: 6 (1 admission pending, 3 referrals in process)
 - Licensed Beds: 10
- Maplewood
 - Census: 15
 - Licensed Beds: 15
- Neshonoc Manor
 - Census: 15
 - Licensed Beds: 15
- Monarch Manor
 - Census: 7
 - Licensed Beds: 8
- Regent Manor
 - Census: 3
 - Licensed Beds: 4

Census in the Lakeview Health Center nursing home impacted in January due to a resident COVID outbreak. All residents are currently out of isolation. This outbreak affected 18 residents located on one neighborhood, two of which were not vaccinated. Most residents experienced mild to moderate symptoms.

Hillview Health Care Center & Assisted Living Campus

Census for the Hillview campus is

- Hillview Health Care Center

- Census: 55
- Licensed Beds: 75
- 53.9 average daily census for January 2023 - average rehab days remain stable at 6.6 for January. Year-to-date average daily census is 53.9.
- Carroll Heights
 - Census: 52
 - Licensed Beds: 55
- Hillview Terrace
 - Census: 23
 - Licensed Beds: 30
- The Oaks
 - Census: 4
 - Licensed Beds: 10

The Hillview Health Care Center currently has 75 licensed beds. A move to the West side of the building and the need for more private rooms has created a maximum capacity at this time of 60, and staffing capacity of between 55-60. The Hillview census has averaged a census of less than 60 for the past 6 months and it has been at least 3 months since we had any dates with a census of more than 60. The additional beds on our license has a cost of \$2550/month and there is no plan at this time to maintain a nursing home with over 60 beds. Our plan will be to delicense to 60 beds at an annual savings of \$30,600.

STAFFING UPDATE

Significant staffing challenges continue. One of the identified barriers to our recruitment are the starting wages. For Certified Nursing Assistants, our starting wage is \$16.56 and for our non-certified resident care assistants who work in our assisted living providing personal care, passing medications and completing treatments such as tracheotomy care and wound care, the starting wage is \$15.45. These starting wages have made it almost impossible to attract any candidates. Because of our inability to attract new hires, we have been utilizing contract travel C.N.A.'s at a cost of approximately \$60/hr. We are working with HR, Finance, and Administration at the County level to develop interim strategies to address this challenge. In addition, our HR staff will be completing a wage study of our direct care staff in order to request more permanent changes to these pay classifications in order to better recruit for the limited number of candidates.

NESHONOC MANOR/MAPLEWOOD CBRF SURVEY

The surveyor from the Bureau of Assisted Living was onsite in mid-January to complete the Neshonoc Manor and Maplewood CBRF annual surveys. These surveys went very well with only one pharmacy review citation. This deficiency has been addressed with our pharmacy provider and has been corrected.

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.