

## **VETERANS, AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE**

Monday, May 7, 2012

Hillview Terrace, 3503 Park Lane Drive, La Crosse, WI

9:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roger Plesha, Dan Ferries, Dave Holtze, Sharon Hampson, Andrea Richmond

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Steve O'Malley, Pete Eide, Kelly Kramer, Pam Semb, Jim Speropulos, Margaret Norden

### **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Roger Plesha called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2012, MEETING**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Holtze/Richmond to approve the Minutes of the April 9, 2012, meeting, and to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items:

*Ripples & Waves*

Vital Aging – Passion, Purpose & Pleasure

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT**

None reported.

### **HILLVIEW TERRACE UPDATE**

Pete Eide stated that the project is under-budget with a balance of \$144,000. The driveway will need to be widened to accommodate trucks. Sidewalks will need to be evaluated campus-wide. The census is projected to be filled up by the end of June, ahead of schedule. Discussion was held regarding adding an Alzheimer's unit in future years, which could be accomplished at some point with the addition of 12 to 24 units. The architect considered potential future expansion in the present plans and arranged the plans to allow any new facility not to be "land locked".

### **HILLVIEW CAMPUS OVERVIEW**

Pete Eide presented a history of the Hillview campus that started 125 years ago, and most recently added Hillview Terrace in 2011. He stated that the perception of nursing homes has changed, and with 75% of residents returning home, is more of a short-term hospitalization than permanent residence. Eide spoke about challenges with funding, including maintaining a full census, adjusting staffing according to census needs, the State's Medicaid reimbursement, and the costs of supplies, food, and other uncontrollable costs. He cited other challenges, such as health care reform, which places an emphasis on shortening length of hospital stays, and avoiding readmissions. The assisted living facilities trend will continue in the future, with more counties building their own units. Hillview is not funded by the County tax levy. Discussion was held regarding Western Wisconsin Cares referrals and case management, and the large percentage of resident referrals that already have a connection to Hillview or Carroll Heights.

### **UPDATE ON LAKEVIEW HEALTH CARE**

Steve O'Malley stated that committee focus will be shifting from Hillview to Lakeview in the coming months. He spoke about the complexity of Lakeview services and population needs, and stated that 50% of residents are referred by Western Wisconsin Cares and are from La Crosse County. Some other counties in the Mississippi Valley Health Services consortia have placed a cap on their referrals. Discussion was held regarding the potential for remodeling or rebuilding to "right size" the facility, which would include making it more energy efficient to reduce utility costs. Administration is currently discussing needs and possible solutions for the committee to consider.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: JUNE 11, 2012**

The meeting will be held at Lakeview Health Center.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Overview of Lakeview history

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Richmond/Ferries to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

NOTE: Following adjournment, committee members toured the Hillview Terrace facility and Hillview property, including the adjacent pond area under renovation. No action items were discussed nor action taken.

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