

AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

Monday, June 7, 2010

Sunshine Room, Hillview Health Care Center

10:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Plesha, Dan Ferries, Tara Johnson (10:16), Audrey Kader (10:25), John Medinger, Andrea Richmond, Jerry Sebranek

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Monica Kruse

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Pete Eide, Kelly Kramer, Wanda Plachecki, Margaret Norden, Steve O'Malley, Maureen Freedland, Brian Fukuda, Jim Speropulos

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roger Plesha called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2010

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Sebranek/Richmond to approve the minutes of May 10, 2010, and to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. Commission on Aging Minutes – April 6, 2010
- b. Ripples & Waves – Lakeview Newsletter
- c. Hillview Family Newsletter
- d. Carroll Heights Newsletter
- e. WAFER Grant – Senior Share

Motion carried unanimously. Johnson, Kader, Kruse excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

None reported.

MVHS UPDATE

Wanda Plachecki reported that State legislation recently passed that clears all remaining legal hurdles to the operation of the Mississippi Valley Health Services multi-county commission. Also, the State Department of Health services has approved an additional rate per day for MCO clients who are not residents of La Crosse County, and continues to indicate that they will not approve any additional payment for MCO clients who are La Crosse county residents. The approved rate is insufficient and Lakeview may not be able to afford to accept clients without adequate reimbursement. Lakeview staff will be doing a study on pros and cons of accepting the State's decision, or seeking other avenues for challenging their conclusion. The MVHS board will make a rate decision in August, 2010, at its annual meeting.

WCA EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR – JUNE 28, 2010

Wanda Plachecki reported that the effect of health care reform on local government will be the topic at the WCA Educational Seminar. The seminar is in Stevens Point on June 18, 2010. Interested persons are asked to contact Pam Semb.

UPDATE ON BED TAX – SLIGHT INCREASE

Pete Eide reported that the bed tax is placed on every licensed nursing home bed. It has been at a rate of \$150 per bed, but on July 1, 2010, will be going to \$170 per bed. Nursing homes are responsible for Medicare and Medicaid costs, so can only assess private pay residents. Nursing homes will receive 75-80% of the new, increased rate back. Supervisor Freedland encouraged the committee to write to legislators on behalf of the seniors whose fees will be increased.

UPDATE ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) FUNDS FOR SOLAR HOT WATER SYSTEM

Steve O'Malley explained that a Resolution will go to the Executive Committee and County Board to approve accepting a block grant of \$219,400 to assist with solar hot water for the Lakeview Health Center, solar hot water for the LEC addition, and assistance to Rotary Lights for conversion to LED lights. The

goal is to have one contractor for both facilities to save money on servicing and maintenance. The solar hot water will be a retro-fit for the LEC addition. Discussion was held about the Rotary Lights conversion project, which is contingent upon the City of La Crosse and the community as a whole providing matching funds. The benefits of tourism, and purpose of Rotary Lights as a fundraising tool for non-profit organizations, were discussed.

HILLVIEW ASSISTED LIVING UPDATE

Pete Eide reported that the architect is working on final plans, and a Request for Proposal will be issued in July, 2010, for local construction firms to respond with pricing. Supervisor Freedland asked about including sustainable standards and practices, and whether the architect was exploring those options. Eide responded that it was included in the bidding process. Further discussion was held regarding having the architect available for the next committee meeting. The Sustainable La Crosse Commission will be invited to the next meeting.

JULY 5, 2010, HOLIDAY MEETING DATE CONFLICT; SUGGEST JULY 8, 2010

Committee consensus was to meet on Monday, June 21, 2010, at 10:15 a.m. in Room 3220 of the Administrative Center. The proposed committee meeting at Lakeview Health Center will be postponed until August or September, 2010.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Policy regarding politicians visiting senior housing and meal sites

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 21, 2010, at 10:15 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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