

VETERANS, AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

April 9, 2012

Administrative Center – Room 3220

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Roger Plesha, Steve Doyle, Dan Ferries, Audrey Kader (arr. 10:20 a.m.), Monica Kruse, John Medinger, Jerry Sebranek
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Andrea Richmond
OTHERS PRESENT:	Pete Eide, Pam Semb, Jim Speropulos, Steve O'Malley, Bryan Jostad, Noreen Holmes, Pat Killeen, Dave Holtze, Terri Pavlic

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2012 AND CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Sebranek/Medinger to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2012 Aging and Long Term Care meeting and to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. *Ripples & Waves (March and April)*
- b. *Commission on Aging Minutes – 3/6/12*

Motion carried unanimously. (Richmond and Kader excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

There were no conference/meeting reports.

APPROVE EXTENSION OF PHARMACY CONTRACT

MOTION by Doyle/Kruse to approve a 5 year extension of the Uvanta Pharmacy Services and Supply Contract. Based on Uvanta's level of service, understanding of both health care centers, and the cost summary, the evaluation team recommends extending the contract with Uvanta for five years. There is a small price increase, but feel it is fair and reasonable.

Motion carried unanimously. (Richmond excused)

UPDATE ON LAKEVIEW RECENT SUREYS

Pam Semb reported that Lakeview has had 3 surveys since the last meeting. The nursing home survey had 2 low level deficiencies. They also did a state-only survey on the behavioral health unit, which was deficiency free. The adult family home, Regent Manor, was also deficiency free.

HILLVIEW TERRACE UPDATE

Pete Eide reported that there are now 21 tenants in Hillview Terrace and there are 4 rooms pending for 6 people. The goal was to be half filled by June and be at full capacity by December, so we are ahead of that goal. Staff has been increased as needed. The project is ahead of schedule for occupancy, under budget, and well managed.

DISCUSSION REGARDING MVHS MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Steve O'Malley indicated that we continue to try to work with the Department of Health Services to receive their approval to pay an enhanced rate for Wisconsin Cares clients at Lakeview who are residents of La Crosse County. This is a new administration and we have had this ongoing debate with the previous administration as well, since the State has

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approved this rate for WWC clients who are residents of other counties. In essence we are subsidizing Western Wisconsin Cares La Crosse County clients. Over the last two years, in May 2010, 78% of our occupancy was from La Crosse and other MVHS county members. Today that is down to 56%. Other counties are utilizing us less, while WWC is relying upon Lakeview for more beds. The meeting with DHS was not very helpful. They feel we are trying to shift all nursing home costs to the State, however we are really talking about very specific clients with specific behaviors and needs. Internal staff has developed a process improvement team and are trying to evaluate what our options are as we contemplate future sizing of the facility for remodeling or replacement. The long-term solution will have to be debated by the new County Board for the 2013 budget.

NEXT MEETING: May 7, 2012

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Approved, May 7, 2012
Recorded by Terri Pavlic