

VETERANS, AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

Monday, July 9, 2012

Administrative Center, Room 3220, 400 N. 4th St., La Crosse

9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Plesha, Dan Ferries, Dave Holtze, Sharon Hampson, Andrea Richmond (exc. 9:55 a.m.)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Steve O'Malley, Pete Eide, Kelly Kramer, Pam Semb, Jim Speropulos, Margaret Norden, Wanda Plachecki, Mary Meehan-Strub

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2012, MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Hotze/Ferries to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2012, meeting, and to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items:

Ripples & Waves

La Crosse Tribune article

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

None reported.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF UTILITY VEHICLE

Bids were received from the following vendors and were evaluated by a team from Hillview and the Purchasing Manager on the following criteria and points: Specifications and features (40 points); warranty and service (30 points); cost (30 points), test drive and demonstration (50 points). The team recommended the Toolcat from Bobcat of the Coulee Region. Pete Eide reported on the factors that caused the team to favor the more expensive option, including ease of use and flexibility with multiple attachments.

Vendor	Evaluation Score	Cost of vehicle and attachments
St. Joseph Equipment - Massey Ferguson	103	\$43,390
Frontier Ag and Turf - John Deere	114	\$44,989
Bobcat of the Coulee Region - Toolcat	128	\$51,241

MOTION by Richmond/Ferries to purchase a utility vehicle for Hillview from Bobcat of the Coulee Region.

Motion carried unanimously.

HILLVIEW TERRACE UPDATE

Pete Eide reported that there are two openings, and there continues to be interest shown, although not from individuals who are willing to move at this time. Occupancy is at the anticipated rate for this stage.

REPORT ON HMONG POPULATION AT HILLVIEW AND LAKEVIEW

Both County nursing homes will accept Hmong patients. They are the only facilities in the County that will accept, due to problems with communication, and are the facility of choice for Western Wisconsin Cares because they don't put barriers on patients and families. Staff reported on accommodations for food preferences and onsite or on-call interpreters.

OVERVIEW OF LAKEVIEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS

Steve O'Malley reported that the topic would also be presented to the full County Board, but any resolutions would first come through the Veterans, Aging & Long-Term Care Committee. After a long evaluation process that occurred over several months, the team presented the following options:

- Remodel current facility;
- Replace with small neighborhood facility;
- Replace with large institutional facility.

O'Malley explained that decision-making had reached a fork, and planning for one of the options needed to be carried forward as soon as possible. He said the goal of any option was to increase revenue, and not raise taxes.

Pam Semb reviewed the problems with the current facility, which include high energy costs, small rooms that make geriatric care difficult, non-conformity to ADA, safety issues, and family privacy issues. Jim Speropulos reviewed the factors that would have to be considered with remodeling, which would include a staging area when parts of the building have to be temporarily closed. Semb continued to review options, and gave the team recommendation for building a small neighborhood facility that would be single story with private rooms and baths, that would allow better staffing flexibility, and would better meet the needs of the public. Committee discussion included siting options for any new facility on the Lakeview campus; need for other facilities that could arise, such as assisted living; continuing to serve residents from multiple counties through MVHS; and other funding, such as Medicaid.

REVIEW OF DUNN COUNTY SITE PLAN

Pam Semb showed a site plan for the Dunn County facility, which has multiple buildings, and compared it to the Rock County facility with a single, large institution. Steve O'Malley stated that consideration could be given for a field trip to look at those facilities.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: AUGUST 6, 2012

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None requested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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