

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

Monday, October 8, 2012

Administrative Center, Room 3220, 400 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St., La Crosse

9:00 a.m.

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

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Tara Johnson, Steve O'Malley, Peg Jerome, Pete Eide, Kelly Kramer, Noreen Holmes, Pam Semb, Wanda Plachecki, Debra Strand, Mary Powell, and Marion Naegle

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

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Richmond/Holtze to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2012 VALTC Committee and the Joint Meeting of Executive Committee and VALTC Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION** by Hampson/Richmond to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items:

*Ripples & Waves - handout*

*Commission on Aging Minutes – 9/4/12*

*Aging in Place – Helpful Services in an Aging World*

*Volunteer Recognition*

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT**

None reported.

### **GIFTED HANDS UPDATE**

There was an issue with cutting hours for the Older Workers Program (Older Americans Act) from 20 hours a week to 10 hours a week to 8 hours which would not be enough hours to keep Gifted Hands open. The issue with Workforce Connections has been resolved and 18 hours a week has been restored. If Workforce Connections does not have funding for the 18 hours, Experience Works has offered to fund the hours. A call was put in to Good Will on the south side of La Crosse, but everyone wants Gifted Hands to stay on the north side of La Crosse. Rent paid for the building is 16% of sales. There is a markup on items which is adequate to cover rent, heat and air conditioning. Gifted Hands has a line item budget. The Committee asked to have it emailed to them.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION OF STARTING TIME FOR COMMITTEE MEETING**

There was discussion on either a start time of 8:00 a.m. or 8:30 a.m. Because many who attend the meeting also go to the Chamber of Commerce Cracker Barrel meeting, it was thought 8:30 would be the best time to start the meeting. **MOTION** by Richmond/Ferries to have a start time of 8:30 a.m. for the Veterans, Aging and Long Term Care Committee meetings. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **2013 BUDGET REVIEW**

- **Veterans** – Page 46 of the budget book  
This is a hold the line budget. The main change was a reduction of Health Insurance due to staff change. Staff that left had the family policy and the new person hired took the single policy. There were a few increases, but overall the budget is down about \$6,000 from 2012.
- **Carroll Heights** – Page 95 of the budget book  
Carroll Heights does not require a property tax levy. \$36,000 is budgeted to make canopy, front entrance, driveway and landscape improvements. There will be no rent increases for 2013.

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- **Hillview** – Starts on page 99 of the budget book  
Hillview is in a strong financial position due to 30 to 35% of occupants are private pay, strong Medicare support and maintaining a high level of occupancy. Compared to other nursing homes Hillview's private pay rate is \$5 to \$15 lower a day. Bad debt expense – Corporation Counsel is working on getting delinquent occupants to pay their rent.
- **Hillview Terrace** – Page 97 of the budget book  
This is the first full year of operation, so projections will become more accurate with a full year of operation. The 2012 occupancy level is greater than what was expected and there are more requests for care which also increases revenue. It was decided to give tenants more options for their meals, so the food preparation budget went up. In turn, the meal plan revenue also went up. \$15,000 was budgeted for handicapped power assist door openers. Laundry and work out rooms are budgeted for these openers. After discussion, the committee felt that all public doors should be looked at for these handicapped door openers which include the bathrooms.
- **Lakeview** – Starts on page 123 of the budget book  
We don't have a high number of private pay clients and Medicaid does not pay for the full cost of care. The levy cost is higher than the last two years due to the growing number of Wisconsin Cares clients. The building is no longer adequate so we are spending very little because of the possibility of replacing Lakeview (still to be determined). Capital Improvements will be used for some windows, cement and flooring replacements. Capital equipment replaced will be a lift, wheel chairs, Broda chairs, computers and printer. The most recent census is down due to moves and clients passing away, which decreases revenue.
- **Lakeview Other Entities** – Page 146 of the budget book  
MacIntosh Manor (4 beds), Regent manor (4 beds), Maplewood (14 beds), RCAC (Whispering Pines) (12 beds) and Ravenwood (18 beds) are all doing well. There is 0 net funding required for these facilities and these revenues help to offset some of Lakeview costs.
- **Agging** – Page 177 of the budget book  
There were two retirements this year and those positions were restructured to help keep the budget down. The Darrell Larson Estate donation balance is \$273,800. No money was used in 2012, but \$74,256 is budgeted for 2013 to help keep the tax levy down.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None requested

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: NOVEMBER 5, 2012**

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None requested

### ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** by Ferries/Richmond to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Disclaimer:** The above minutes were approved on January 7, 2013.  
Marion Naegle, Recorder