COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING  
TUESDAY, 10-29-2013  
SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CENTER – 1220 DENTON STREET, LA CROSSE  
11:50 AM – 12:50 PM  

MEMBERS PRESENT:  
Dave Holtze, Robert Keil, Audrey Kader, Ann Fisher, Pat Boge  

MEMBERS EXCUSED:  
Betty Woodruff  

OTHERS PRESENT:  
Noreen Holmes, Director, County Aging Unit, Jackie Eastwood, Transportation Planner, La Crosse Area Planning Committee, Amy Simonis, Office Supervisor Finance  

CALL TO ORDER  
Dave Holtze, called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.  

PUBLIC COMMENT  
None  

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 10-01-2013  
MOTION: Motion by Robert Keil and seconded by Ann Fisher to approve minutes of 10-01-2013. Passed unanimously.  

CONSENT AGENDA (informational)  
Aging & Long Term Care Committee Meeting Minutes 10-07-2013  
Placed on file  

DIRECTOR’S REPORT  
LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMISSION (LAPC) UPDATE  
Jackie Eastwood, from the La Crosse Area Planning Committee, spoke about public transportation for seniors. Their department funded seven vans for the Onalaska, Holmen, West Salem Shared Ride Taxi and one bus for La Crosse County Rural Shared Ride Taxi through the STP Urban program. She will be updating the MTU Transit Development plan. She handed out a packet showing transportation trends for the area. The charts show a decline in vehicle miles traveled which affects Gas Tax Funds negatively. Many persons aged 18-34 (referred to as millenial) are choosing not to drive. This trend may continue and could also affect Gas Tax Funds. The gas tax has not been increased since the 1970’s. In 2015 the funds will run out for the Transportation Trust Fund so action needs to be taken to continue to fund roads and transit.  

CHARLES SPIKER ANNOUNCED RETIREMENT  
Charles Spiker retired. He has been Chairperson on three different occasions for the Commission. We thank him for his service.
OLDER AMERICANS ACT REAUTHORIZATION
The Senate Committee Health, Education, Labor and Pensions passed unanimously the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act of 1965. The bill which reauthorizes programs through 2018 may move to the Senate floor. It includes provisions that aim to protect vulnerable elders by strengthening the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program and existing elder abuse screening and prevention efforts. It also promotes the delivery of evidence-based programs, such as falls prevention and chronic disease self-management programs. It streamlines federal level administration of programs, promotes the efficient and effective use of transportation services, and improves coordination between programs at the federal, state, and local levels.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN AGING? FROM GREATER WISCONSIN AGENCY ON AGING RESOURCES (GWAAR)
Noreen handed out a questionnaire from GWAAR asking what you would like to see from their office in terms of transportation, housing support, benefits, services, and information. Everyone was asked to write down suggestions and return to Noreen to consolidate to one list from the La Crosse County Aging Unit.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT – MARKETPLACE ASSISTANCE
La Crosse County Human Services, Gunderson Health System, and Mayo Clinic Health Systems, St Clair Health Mission, and Workforce Connections all offer appointments to discuss the Marketplace. It was recommendation to utilize the County website www.lacrossecounty.org for further updates.

AGING IN PLACE, RADISSON, NOVEMBER 18, 2013 FLIER
The conference time is 9:30am-3:00 pm. We currently have 26 people registered.

GIFTED HANDS OPEN HOUSE, NOVEMBER 15 & 16, 2013
Stop by to check out hand crafted items produced by area senior citizens.

HMONG ELDERS HEALTH FAIR, NOVEMBER 6, 2013
The Health Fair will be at the Hmong Community and Cultural Center, 1815 Ward Ave in La Crosse on November 6th, from 8:00am-1:30pm. Noreen invited the board members to volunteer to assist at the Health Fair.

FEDERAL BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY
Noreen is setting up a meeting with Ron Kind’s office in November to discuss Medicare and Social Security. They will be talking about chaired CPI for Social Security.

MEAL SITES
None

TRANSPORTATION
ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSPORTATION (s85.21) APPROVAL
Motion by Pat Boge and seconded by Robert Keil to approve s85.21.
RFP FOR SHARED RIDE (5311 GRANT)
The RFP is posted with approval of the provider scheduled for the December meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
What would you like to see in aging questionnaires? Appoint replacement for Charles Spiker’s position on board.

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: Motion by Robert Keil and seconded by Pat Boge to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Sue Betz, Recorder