COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
TUESDAY, 12-03-2013
LA CROSSE COUNTY ADMIN BLDG Room 3212
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Betty Woodruff, Robert Keil

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Simonis, Office Supervisor Finance, Bryan Jostad, Purchasing Director, Sue Betz

CALL TO ORDER
Dave Holtze, called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 10-29-2013
MOTION: Motion by Ann Fisher and seconded by Audrey Kader to approve minutes of 10-29-2013. Passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA (informational)
Aging & Long Term Care Committee Meeting Minutes 11-04-2013
Letter to Charles Spiker
Fact Sheet Social Security
Placed on file

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
FUNDRAISING
In attempts to offset the funding decrease to the Senior Nutrition Program in 2014, our Nutrition Coordinator, Dawn Jorstad has spoken with several businesses in the area asking for support of our meal program. Currently TGI Fridays will donate 25% of diners checks on March 27th. Applebee’s will hold a pancake breakfast April 27th and donate the proceeds. Feature’s in Holmen will hold a spaghetti dinner on 6 May and donate $3.00 of each meal to the Aging unit.

PHARMACY GRANT
Beginning in January, the Aging unit will be working with the UW-Madison school of pharmacy, in a study of how medications and combinations of medications affect a propensity to fall. We will be asking people from the ‘Stepping On’ classes to participate in this screening and have an appointment with a local pharmacist. The pharmacist can then talk to the doctors to see about adjusting medications to help reduce falls.

2014 AGING PLAN AMENDMENT APPROVAL LETTER
The Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) has our 2014 County Plan Amendment (budget). We should receive our new contract by the end of the year.
“WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN AGING?” SUMMARY TO GWAAR
We received several responses to submit to GWAAR. Suggestions included: referral protocol with services such as Discharge Planners/Care Coordinator’s, Alzheimer’s Association, Fire/Police Dept, First Responders, Pharmacists. More Farmer’s Market vouchers and to replace Styrofoam with re-usable products for home delivered meals to name a few.

AGING IN PLACE UPDATE
The Aging in Place Conference on November 18th was very successful. There were 85 attendees and 15 vendors. The vendors expressed interest in attending future events.

GIFTED HANDS OPEN HOUSE - NOVEMBER 15 & 16, 2013 UPDATE
There was strong participation at the open house with customers and volunteers this year. Sales were up 33% from last year’s open house.

HMONG ELDERS HEALTH FAIR - NOVEMBER 6, 2013 UPDATE
There were nurses and interpreters from Viterbo and UW-L assisting with the health fair. Counts were down slightly from last year due to deaths however screening tests increased this year. Overall the day was very successful.

FALLS PREVENTION COALITION – TRI-STATE
Fifteen percent of the emergency calls made to Tri-State ambulance this year were due to falls. They are now getting an electronic signature from their callers so they may alert their doctor of the fall.

MEAL SITES
ONALASKA
The furnace needs to be replaced at the Onalaska meal site. We’re looking at options as to where meals can be served when this work begins. The project will take approximately two weeks to complete.

USDA (NSIP CONTRACT) ADDITIONAL CUTS FROM SEQUESTRATION
We were notified by GWAAR that we have another cut just under $5,000 for programs through the Older American Act. This brings total cuts to just under $28,000 for 2014.

TRANSPORTATION
SMRT BUS UPDATE
The number of riders on the Prairie Du Chien/Viroqua route to La Crosse is increasing.

SHARED RIDE RFP APPROVAL OF PROVIDER (5311 GRANT)
The objective of the RFP is to provide rural public transportation (Shared Ride Service), which also serves elderly and disabled persons of La Crosse County, with door to door high quality, affordable, and safe public transport. The service will be available Mon-Fri 6:30am-8:30pm; Saturday 8:00am-5:30pm; and Sunday 8:00am-5:00pm. Motion by Audrey Kader and seconded by Pat Boge to approve and forward onto the Aging and Long Term Care Committee.
RFP FOR MINIBUS
This RFP is due December 20th. This will be on the January agenda for approval.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
RFP for MiniBus approval. Replacement for Charles Spiker’s position on the board.

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: Motion by Audrey Kader and seconded by Ann Fisher to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:28 PM.

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

Sue Betz, Recorder