COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
TUESDAY, 03-04-2014
LA CROSSE COUNTY ADMIN BLDG Room 3212
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Holtze, Audrey Kader, Patricia Boge, Andrea Richmond

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Betty Woodruff, Ann Fisher, Robert Keil

OTHERS PRESENT: Noreen Holmes, Director, County Aging Unit, Sue Betz

CALL TO ORDER
Dave Holtze, called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 01-03-2014
MOTION: Motion by Patricia Boge and seconded by Andrea Richmond to approve minutes of 01-03-2014. Passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA (informational)
Aging & Long Term Care Committee Meeting Minutes 01-06-2014, 02-10-2014
Elderly Population Article
Placed on file

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
ADVOCACY FOR OLDER AMERICANS ACT PROGRAMS
While there has been a lot of work done with Older American Act (OAA) reauthorization in the Senate, conversation recently began with the House Education and Workforce Subcommittee. We’re currently looking for approval from the House. Once approved, we would not need re-approval for another ten years. With the Aging Population continuing to grow, and more people wanting to stay in their homes, we need to insure funds are not cut. GWAAR is asking people to let your legislators know the importance of this program.

SELF EVALUATION AGING PLAN
The Aging Plan 2013 – 2015 is on track. Some parts of the plan require coordination with the local director of the Alzheimer’s Association but that position is unfilled at this time. Motion by Audrey Kader and seconded by Andrea Richmond to approve. Passed unanimously.

COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD MEMBER TERMS
Patricia Boge has served two three year terms and will need to have her position filled. Audrey Kader’s term might also be up this year. Need to follow up with GWAAR to confirm. Also checking on Ann Fisher’s term and getting more information from GWAAR.
RETIREMENT OF HOME DELIVERED MEALS COORDINATOR
Betty Roesler will be retiring April 17th, 2014, after thirty years of service with La Crosse County. She will truly be missed and we wish her much joy in retirement. Steps are in motion with the Management Team to list her position.

MEAL SITES
NEW SITE MANAGER, SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CENTER, KAREN ARENTZ
Karen Arentz has been working at various meal sites, in various positions, for the past three years and has now accepted the position of Site Manager for the Southside Senior Center. Maureen Jacobson has resigned from the position to care for her husband. She would like to come back as a sub sometime in the future. We wish her and her husband well.

H.J. OLSON AND SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CENTERS WILL BE CLOSED BY THE CITY IN THREE YEARS
There was an article in the newspaper concerning these meal sites. This information has not been confirmed with the city. A Task Force will be formed to review the meal sites and what other options exist. Audrey Kader brought up possibly looking at adding a kitchen onto the Southside Library. The location is central, parking is good, and there is enough room to add a kitchen onto the library.

MAYORS FOR MEALS – THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014
‘Mayors for Meals’ is an annual campaign to raise awareness of Senior Hunger and the need for our organization in the community. This event will kick off our fundraising events, recruiting of volunteers and telling others of our program. Officials who are supporting the meal sites that day are: Mayor Tim Kabat, Mayor Joe Chilsen, Andrea Richmond, Ryan Cornett, Sara Sullivan, Holmen Village President Nancy Proctor, and Dave Holtze.

TGI FRIDAYS FUNDRAISER – THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014
Flyers have been made available to the public through the La Crosse Senior Life newsletter, meal sites, congregate and home delivered meal participants, and county workers. TGI Fridays, 9430 Highway 16 in Onalaska, will donate 25% of participants checks to the La Crosse County Aging Unit Home Delivered Meals & Dining Sites for anyone who presents the flyer to their server on March 27th.

RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR APPLEBEE’S PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Since the meeting the Pancake Breakfast at Applebee’s, 9364 Hwy 16 in Onalaska, has changed from Sunday, April 27th, to Saturday, April 26th, from 8:00AM-10:00AM. We’re putting together a list of 10-11 volunteers to support this fundraiser.

TRANSPORTATION
WESTERN WISCONSIN CARES
Western Wisconsin Cares has changed the way they look at services they provide. They no longer provide quality of life transportation; they only provide transportation for safety and medical assistance. We are receiving a lot of calls looking for transportation to dental appointments, going to Riverfront, grocery stores and shopping. Noreen has spoken with support members at GWAAR and they understand the issues. CMS is now involved.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
None
ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: Motion by Andrea Richmond and seconded by Audrey Kader to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.