COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
TUESDAY, 12-30-2014
LA CROSSE COUNTY ADMIN BLDG ROOM 3212
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrea Richmond, Ramona Van Riper, Kathy Lucey, Sharon Hampson

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dave Holtze, Robert Keil, Donna Kateley, James Hanesworth

OTHERS PRESENT: Noreen Holmes, Director, Sue Betz

CALL TO ORDER
Andrea Richmond called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 12-02-2014
MOTION: Motion by Kathy Lucey and seconded by Ramona Van Riper to approve minutes of 12-02-14. Passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA (informational)
Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) – News Release Transportation Social Security 2014 Wisconsin Quick Facts Placed on File

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN AGING?
A. LA CROSSE SENIOR LIFE BRAINSTORMING
Deferred until the next meeting.

ADVOCACY FOR OLDER AMERICAN ACT PROGRAMS
Noreen presented an article entitled ‘Why the Older Americans Act Matters – Currently stalled in Congress, its programs serve millions’, posted by Bob Blancato, Dec 3, 2014. The OAA provides nutrition, caregiving, transportation, legal services and elder abuse prevention to 11 million Americans. The OAA is more than four years late being renewed. Noreen said sequestration will happen again in 2016 with a 5% cut in social and veterans programs. We need the OAA programs to remain in place with adequate funding to meet the needs of the ever increasing older population.

ELDER BENEFIT SPECIALIST MOVE TO ADRC
Tina will officially be part of the ADRC effective January 1st, 2015.

AMENDMENT TO AGING PLAN 2013-2015
Noreen amended the 2013-2015 County Plan for Older People to eliminate Tina Johnson’s position as Elder Benefit Specialist. The Commission on Aging needs to approve the amendment. Motion by Ramona Van Riper and seconded by Sharon Hampson. Passed unanimously.

GIFTED HANDS SALES
We’re right on target with sales for the year. One of the Experience Works participants will be leaving in March. A replacement has been assigned and will start in January.
MEAL SITES
SAUBER MANOR MEAL SITE MOVE TO HARRY J. OLSON CENTER UPDATE
The move is going pretty well. Best practices and procedures are still being determined.

SITE MANAGER HOURS HARRY J. OLSON
Changes in the budget didn’t take into consideration extra hours necessary for the site manager at Harry J Olson. Time may be increased by ½ hour or 1 hour per day. We continue to look at the position and data to determine by what amount. Noreen stated there is money in the budget but it didn’t get transferred into salary and benefits. Deferred until next meeting.

TRANSPORTATION
BID FOR VEHICLE POSTED
We have a bid in to purchase three vehicles for Shared Ride taxi. Their vehicles are getting old. We will be completing a bid with Viroqua and Waupaca to secure one vehicle each. The vehicles are funded at 80% from the DOT with 90% DOT funding for ADA adaptations.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Senior Life Newsletter
Site Manager Hours for Harry J Olson
Next meeting will be Feb 3rd at 1:30pm

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: Motion by Ramona Van Riper and seconded by Kathy Lucey to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:48pm.

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

Sue Betz, Recorder