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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Donna Kateley, James Hanesworth

OTHERS PRESENT: Audra Martine, ADRC Manager, Jane Jackson, ADRC Supervisor, Amy Simonis, Office Supervisor, Sue Betz

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

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 05-31-16
MOTION: Motion by Dan Ferries and seconded by Kathy Lucey to approve minutes of 05-31-16. Passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA (informational)
Aging & Long Term Care Committee Meetings 06-06-16
Placed on File

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
OLDER AMERICAN ACT (OAA) REALLOCATION
Audra Martine attended the second of three planning sessions in Madison to discuss how Older American Act monies should be distributed in Wisconsin. Distribution in the past has been based largely on the poverty rates of seniors within a county. It has been found that the information provided is not accurate. The counties who attended the second meeting are not in agreement with which factor should be used to determine distribution. The group is considering distribution based on the number of persons 60+ in each county. Each county would be responsible for paying special attention to persons in their county who are in a higher risk category such as in poverty or living alone, when providing services. The next meeting is scheduled in July.

AGING/ADRC INTEGRATION
Audra offered handouts to Commission members on a report sent to the Joint Committee on Finance by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services titled ‘Recommendations Regarding Duplication of Functions between Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Governing Boards and the Department of Health Services (DHS)’. The ADRC of Western Wisconsin contains four counties, La Crosse, Jackson, Monroe, and Vernon. Some have united Aging Units and ADRC’s, some have maintained separate operations. Because we are not all operating in the same fashion we cannot operate under one governing board, which could result in a disjointed structure and result in inefficiency. An example being producing brochures of services. Counties operating separately would have meal services/transportation listed under the Aging Unit, whereas, if combined, these services
would be listed on an ADRC brochure. For those who have not combined, levy is important to consider in this process.

**MEAL SITE**

**NUTRITION REVITALIZATION**

There have been several types of grants offered throughout the State to revitalize the meal programs. Some counties have tried out salad bars, which have worked out well around the state. Others have tried serving breakfast, and here in La Crosse we have been trying out a monthly evening meal. Attendance has steadily increased. The grant ends in September. We’re projecting to have spent about $10K of the $20K received. We have requested to use the remaining funds to purchase steam tables for some of the meal sites with the remaining money.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**

The media has let the public know of recent changes to Abby Vans for transportation services. There were approximately 250 people using the minibus service. ADRC staff have been calling each person to personally let them know of the changes, and to see which type of transportation will best suit their needs in the future. To date, over three quarters of the riders have been contacted. Nearly one fifth of those riders are eligible for Paratransit. ADRC staff have helped them fill out the forms and forwarded to doctors for signatures. While speaking with the riders a handful also requested to speak with options counselors about other services the ADRC provides. At this point we are still unsure how far funding will go as Abby Vans charges per trip. We’ve asked our riders to give extra time for scheduled pick up’s as appointments may run late. We will be charged for a second trip if the person was not available for pick up. We will receive a ‘no show’ report detailing how appointment times are working out. Transportation to medical appointments will be our first priority.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Update on Lakeview, possibly view new facility.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Motion by Dan Ferries to adjourn, seconded by Kathy Lucey. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm.