CALL TO ORDER:  Chair Peg Jerome called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES:
Veterans Aging & Long Term Care Committee – August 10, 2015
MOTION by Plesha/Ferries to approve the minutes of August 10, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously with one absent - Ebert.

CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATIONAL):  None

PUBLIC COMMENT:  None

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT:  None

VETERANS EXPO – MARCH 10, 2016
The annual Veterans Expo will be held March 10, 2016, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., La Crosse Center, North Hall.

LAKEVIEW UPDATE (VIDEO)
Jim Speropulos, Facilities Director, showed an overhead panoramic video of the new Lakeview project progress. Project completion is scheduled for September 2016.

APPROVAL OF LAKEVIEW CHANGE ORDER
Jim Speropulos presented a proposal request from Market & Johnson for changes to their scope of work for a metal ceiling suspension in the amount of $35,244 and asked for the committee’s approval. In the bidding documents, the metal ceiling that the sheet rock gets attached to was not included. This suspension system needs to be added between the trusses and ceiling. MOTION by Plesha/Richmond to approve. Motion carried unanimously with one absent - Ebert.

LAKEVIEW CONSTRUCTION FINANCIAL UPDATE
Jim Speropulos discussed the Proposal Request log as of October 1, 2015. Two columns were added to this log, i.e., total costs and approved costs. Also presented was the Lakeview Campus Construction financial sheet that will be presented monthly during construction. This sheet will show the whole project with expenditures and balances.

UPDATE ON LAKEVIEW LICENSED BEDS AND CENSUS
At this time, the census in the nursing home is 82 with a licensed bed capacity of 86. Referral activity this past month has been focused on care for individuals with Alzheimer’s or other related dementias and Lakeview anticipates filling the two vacant beds in these
areas. The other vacant beds are located in the upstairs living areas which focus on care for individuals with mental health and physical needs. There is no anticipation of referral activity for these beds and, therefore, will request to delicense the 2 beds in October. Updates will be provided on further delicensing of vacant beds on a monthly basis or as completed. Lakeview is planning on submitting their Relocation Plan to the State of Wisconsin this month and that is the plan that would discuss with them and gain their authorization to look at a focused discharge for a certain kind of resident.

**UPDATE STATUS OF RFP FOR MEAL SITES AND CONSIDERATION FOR HILLVIEW AND LAKEVIEW**

At one of the last meetings, Supervisor Ebert asked that staff look more closely at contracting out all meals for not just meal sites, but also for Hillview and Lakeview. Currently the County is going through a Request For Proposal (RFP) for jail meals. Aramark is the current provider of jail meals and has been for 15+ years. RFP proposals will be received on October 6, 2015 from possibility four different firms. It will impact jail meals as well as laundry services. There are two other meal services that are provided under the current Aramark Contract: (1) Jail meals for Winona County (this is not part of the RFP); (2) Inclusion of the La Crosse County Meal Sites. Steve O’Malley distributed and discussed a handout highlighting the Aging Department Nutrition Services Data and the impact. Administratively it was decided to not include Lakeview and Hillview in the RFP and the reasons why were discussed at length. Currently what is being considered on the RFP and will come through the committee process next month is:

- Jail meals
- Leave Winona County out of the RFP – to be negotiated later with the successful bidder
- Include the five meal sites: Carroll Heights; Forest Park; Harry J Olson; South Side Seniors; Stokke; and La Crosse County can choose to ask Hillview to match that price or to pay Hillview more if they have a higher price (Committee approval/disapproval).

**2016 BUDGET**

Steve O’Malley reviewed the proposed 2016 budget for the following departments and committee discussion ensued.

- Veterans Service Officer – Page 88-90: Slight increase in tax levy for increase in wages for the clerk position from part time to full time - $22,000.
- Carroll Heights – Page 147-148: A very successful program with high demand for their services. One change made was to postpone construction of façade improvements on Carroll Heights for a year. There is a placeholder for detail construction design work for 2016 and potentially bidding it out in 2017.
- Hillview Terrance - Page 149: This is another successful operation with no budget changes.
- Hillview - Page 152: Hillview continues to operate without tax levy support and has a strong fund balance in each of their main entities. One of the biggest items for discussion in November is how to handle and continue to do meal sites or contract them out. Hillview will have the opportunity to match the cost of contractors.
- Lakeview - Page 175-196: The biggest change is in the decrease of approximately 19.15 FTE’s. The County is working with employees to minimize the impact on them as much as possible through attrition. Also, because of Mississippi Valley Health Services (MVHS) increasing the per diem rate charge from $72.55 to $100 per day,
staff will ask for authority to transfer money between the Lakeview entities. A Resolution will also be coming through the Executive Committee on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 asking to utilize a reserve that had been set aside for economic support for help in controlling the cost of the per diem.

- Aging - Page 233: The Aging Director, Noreen Holmes, has retired. The Aging budget is a no-change budget, keeping the same level of programming other than the following areas. Meal sites and home delivered meals were discussed above. The current provider for Ensure does not permit resell of the product so the County will discontinue reselling this product. This does not change the budget but it will be reevaluated going forward. Another highly visible area is the mini bus service and elderly transportation service which will continue. However, the rural transportation program which expanded “shared ride” service in Bangor, Rockland and Town of Holland will be eliminated in 2016 because it would have required an additional $30-$40K per year from the elderly transportation fund balance or tax levy, while the service is not solely targeted to the aging population. The County will work with the communities to see what other ways that service can be provided outside the Aging Department.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: NOVEMBER 2, 2015

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Andrea Richmond to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m. Motion carried unanimously with one absent - Ebert.

Approved November 2, 2015, Alice Sorenson, Recorder