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Vernon County Unit on Aging

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The Vernon County Unit on Aging met on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, in the 2nd floor Conference Room at the Erlandson Office Building. Members present were: Leo Verbsky, Chairman; Todd Overbo, Vice Chairman; Sherman Erlandson, Karen Dahl, and Kevin Larson. Also present were Pat Peterson, Director; Nancy O'Connor, Secretary/Bookkeeper, and Connie Royland, Westby Mealsite Manager.

Leo opened the Meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Affirmation of proper Public Notice was given.

Motion by Karen Dahl, seconded by Sherman Erlandson to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Todd Overbo, seconded by Kevin Larson to amend the agenda. Motion carried.

Pat gave the Financial Report, sharing with the committee that our budget is currently staying even with our expenses. Motion by Todd Overbo, seconded by Kevin Larson to approve the vouchers as presented, as well as some additional expenses. Motion carried.

Leo reported on the Community Support that has helped the Hillsboro Mealsite increase the number of participants attending the Mealsite. Distribution of Lunch Ticket Sales continue to be a struggle. Pat has identified a volunteer in Hillsboro to help with ticket sales, also, Mary Ann Thurin, our Mini-Bus driver distributes tickets on Wednesdays, when she is in town. In Ontario our Home Delivered Meal Hauler distributes Lunch Tickets there.

Pat gave the Mini Bus Report, sharing with the committee that in 2009 we have had an average of 121 riders each month. September was a little less, due to the Fair and a Holiday when the bus didn't run. The Volunteer Driver Program provided 36 rides in September with an over all average of 40 per month, last years average was 20 per month. Anyone requesting services, who do not fit our programming requirements will be referred to Pastor Gary Daines in Westby to seek Bethel Buttik funding.

Pat gave the Elderly Benefit Report, sharing with the committee that Medicare Part D open enrollment is upon us. With 53 choices of providers, we encourage people to do their homework before making an appointment. Shelley will provide information sessions around the County in early November. The MIPPA Grant will

make it possible for lower income participants to learn about ways to get a lower rate.

Pat attended a meeting in Richland Center on managing programs in times of tight budgets, provided by GWAAR. She reported that Wisconsin has over a 6.6 million dollar deficit which is anticipated to result in funding reductions for 2010 programs. Our focus should be on maintaining the services that are now being offered, collaboration and advocacy.

In public comments, Connie Royland expressed the wishes of the Citizens of Westby that their Mealsite remain at the Westby Community Room, with Borgens as their caterer.

Approval of caterer contracts for 2010-2013. Motion by Todd Overbo, seconded by Karen Dahl to award the Coon Valley Mealsite contract to the Stockyard. Motion by Sherman Erlandson, seconded by Karen Dahl to award the De Soto Mealsite contract to the Bright Spot. Motion by Kevin Larson, seconded by Karen Dahl to award the Ontario Mealsite contract to the Garden Street Café, with Pat negotiating with them for a price less than the submitted bid. Motion by Sherman Erlandson, seconded by Kevin Larson to award the Readstown Mealsite contract to Tazzees. Motion by Karen Dahl, seconded by Kevin Larson to award the Stoddard/Prairie View Mealsite contract to the DeSoto Area Schools, with the Bright Spot filling in when school is not in session. Motion by Karen Dahl, seconded by Todd Overbo to award the Viroqua Mealsite contract to Bethel Home & Services. Motion by Sherman Erlandson, seconded by Karen Dahl to award the Westby Mealsite contract to Borgens Café and that the Mealsite remain at the Westby Community Room. Motion by Todd Overbo, seconded by Karen Dahl to award the Hillsboro Mealsite contract to St. Josephs Hospital. Motions carried.

Approval of the 85.21 resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes authorizes the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to make grants to the counties of Wisconsin for the purpose of assisting them in providing specialized transportation services to the elderly and disabled: and

WHEREAS, each grant must be matched with a local share of not less than 20% times the amount of the grant: and

WHEREAS, this body considers that the provision of specialized transportation services would improve and promote the maintenance of human dignity and self-sufficiency of the elderly and the disabled.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Vernon County authorizes the Vernon County Department of Human Services to prepare and submit to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation an application for assistance during 2010 under Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes, in conformance with the requirements issued by that Department, and also authorizes the obligation of county funds in the amounts needed in order to provide the required local match.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Vernon County authorizes the Vernon County Department of Human Services to execute a state aid contract with the Department of Transportation under Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes on behalf of Vernon County. This resolution will be presented at the next County Board meeting.

Motion by Todd Overbo, seconded by Kevin Larson to approve the 85.21 resolution. Motion Carried.

In advocacy, Karen Dahl shared that she was selected as Honorary Chair of the Vernon County Memory Walk, which raised \$5000.00. Pat also participated. Karen is also facilitating the "Breakfast for the Brain" activity at Maplewood Terrace.

"Lighten Up for the Holidays" will be held at Vernon Manor on November 18, 2009. This event provides about 2 hours of entertainment for Caregivers. Alice Olson will present "Many Hats". The Barbershop Quartet will perform, and the Vernon County Bar Association will provide information on their Preventing Elder Abuse program.

The next meeting will be November 16, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.

Motion by Sherman Erlandson, seconded by Todd Overbo to adjourn. Motion carried.

Pat Peterson, Director

Leo Verbsky, Chairman

PP/LV/no