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Vernon County Unit on Aging

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Vernon County Aging Committee Minutes-2-15-2010, 12:30p.m. Held in the 2nd floor Conference Room at the Erlandson Office Building.

Leo Verbsky called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. Those present included Leo Verbsky-chairman, Todd Overbo-Vice Chair, Karen Dahl, Sherman Erlandson, Kevin Larson, Pat Peterson-Director, and Nancy O'Connor-Secretary/Bookkeeper.

Affirmation of public notice was given. The minutes of the January 18, 2010 Aging Committee were reviewed. Motion by Karen Dahl, second by Todd Overbo to approve as written. Motion carried.

Motion by Todd Overbo, second by Karen Dahl to approve the vouchers as presented.

Pat, Nancy, & Linda met with the staff of Western Wisconsin Cares in La Crosse on Feb 11, 2010. We shared with them the services that we can offer to their clients.

The Nutrition Report included number of meals served to participants in January 2010, and the average donation per meal. Pat shared with the committee the possibility of having frozen meals for weekends as part of our Home Delivery Service. She will also meet with the Senior Citizens Group in Ontario to discuss the specifics of any fundraisers they hold. The lunch ticket program we currently have in Ontario & Hillsboro will be discussed in detail at our next meeting.

The Volunteer Driver Report showed 35 riders in January, provided by twenty four drivers, proving to be a much needed and much appreciated Service. The Viroqua Mens Chorus will perform a concert in Viroqua & Hillsboro in October, with the proceeds going to our Transportation Programs. The Policies & Procedures of our Transportation Programs were discussed in detail, some changes were made, and will be implemented immediately.

Shelley Matson, was highlighted in a State Elderly Benefit Specialist Newsletter for helping a client recoup a large sum of Social Security money.

In Health and Caregiving, we are planning a "Powerful Tools for Caregiving" class to begin March 15, 2010. Pat did a presentation on caregiving at the Viroqua United Methodist Church, which was well received.

There were no public comments.

Satisfaction surveys have been sent to all Transportation & Nutrition participants, the results of that survey will be shared at our next meeting.

We will put out an RFP to provide the service needed for the Highway 33 Express.

AARP Tax Volunteers are now serving elderly and low income individuals with income, and Homestead Tax preparation.

Mayors March for Meals: Letters were sent out to Mayors and Village Presidents, asking them to assist with home delivered meals in there communities in March.

NACO Prescription Discount Cards is a new program helping any individual needing help paying for prescriptions. It is provided by the National County Association.

Pat along with Pam Eitland, Beth Johnson, and Linda Kica are working on updating the County Civil Rights Plan. We will be implementing a language line, which will interpret any language needed.

In advocacy Karen gave an example of one of the lessons for "Breakfast for the Brain". Todd showed interest in being a facilitator.

The next Aging Committee meeting will be Monday March 15, 2010 at 12:30 p.m.

Motion by Karen Dahl, second by Todd Overbo to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Pat Peterson, Director

Leo Verbsky, Chairman

PP/LV/no