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## **Vernon County Unit on Aging**

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Vernon County Aging Committee Minutes 3-15-2010, 12:30 p.m. Held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Karen Dahl, Sherman Erlandson, Kevin Larson, Marianne Miller, Roger Hatlem, Greg Lunde, Corp. Counsel, Peggy Pasker, Pat Peterson, Director, and Victoria Vikemyr-Secretary.

Affirmation of public notice was given. The minutes of the February 15, 2010 Aging Committee were reviewed. Motion by Leo Verbsky, second by Karen Dahl to approve as written. Motion carried.

Motion by Karen Dahl, second by Marianne Miller to approve the vouchers as presented.

Motion by Marianne Miller, second by Kevin Larson to approve The Nutrition Report as presented.

The Transportation Report included discussion including the Ontario fund raising event, the volunteer driver program and the possibility of special trips in the near future.

The Elderly Benefit Specialist Program has helped Vernon County seniors acquire approximately \$70,000.00 in public benefits in the first two months of this year., Pat Peterson reported.

Peggy Pasker reported that the AARP Volunteer Tax Aide program has been successful this year and has increased the number of people being served.

### Public Comments:

Karen Dahl explained the importance and impact on encouraging everyone in Vernon County to register in the currently ongoing United States Census. She encouraged the committee to encourage their neighbors to comply.

### New Business:

Pat asked for approval to staff the Ontario meal site at the Garden Street Cafe. The cost would be \$2300.00 to expand the role of the meal delivery person to meal site manager. Karen Dahl moved to approve. Roger Hatlem second. Motion passed.

Request for Proposals were opened and read from potential providers of service for the "33 Express" 3-county pilot bus service project. Leo Verbsky recused himself from discussion and vote due to having a relative submit an RFP. The funding is to be provided by a La Crosse County Aging Unit STRAP grant and the marketing and project coordination is to be done by the Vernon County Unit on Aging. First Student was chosen by the committee with service to begin in April, 2010 with the contract updated yearly and approved by Greg Lunde, Corporation Counsel. Champion House, Inc. also proposed a bid. Motion by Karen Dahl. Second by Roger Hatlem. Motion passed.

### Old Business:

Recognition of outgoing committee members -Marianne Miller and Roger Hatlem were recognized for their 6 years serving as Advisory Committee members which is the term limit for this committee. Pat Peterson thanked them and provided a certificate of accomplishment. She also shared that she is looking for recommendations for individuals to take their place.

The satisfaction surveys for the nutrition and transportation programs were reviewed. 74 nutrition surveys and 100 transportation surveys were returned to the Unit on Aging.

### Advocacy:

Karen Dahl is advocating on radio program for the Census and the Unit on Aging's transportation and caregiving programs. Pat will be attending the Westby City

Counsel Meeting at 7 p.m. March 16, 2010 to advocate for a handicap accessible door at the meal site there.

Other business:

The Director's revised job description was reviewed and approved.

The committee voted to go into closed session to complete Pat Peterson's job evaluation. The committee returned to open session.

Discussion of the next meeting date and set for Monday, April 5, 2010 at 12:30 p.m.

Adjournment; Motion by Roger Hatlan. Second by Sherman Erlandson. Motion carried.

Pat Peterson, Director

Leo Verbsky, Chairman

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