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Vernon County Unit on Aging

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Vernon County Aging Committee Minutes, 4-5-2010, 12:30p.m. in the 2nd floor Conference Room at the Erlandson Office Building.

Leo Verbsky called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Those present included Leo Verbsky, Chairman, Karen Dahl, Sherman Erlandson, Kevin Larson, Pat Peterson; Director, and Nancy O'Connor; Secretary/Bookkeeper. Todd Overbo was absent.

Affirmation of public notice was given. Motion by Sherman Erlandson, seconded by Karen Dahl to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2010 Aging Committee minutes as written. Motion carried.

Due to the early date of Committee meeting, complete reports were not available.

In Nutrition, the Ontario Mealsite is now fully staffed, with Emma Switz hired to be the Mealsite Manager, as well as doing the home deliveries there. We served meals 19 days in March, utilizing many of our substitute staff, due to absences of regular staff.

In Transportation, Pat reported that our volunteer driver pool has grown to 28 drivers. The mini-bus was on the road 16 days in March, serving 126 riders. Some special trips have been planned for Mondays, since that day is seldom utilized. Trips include the Planetarium in La Crosse, and also a mystery trip.

The Elderly Benefit Specialist is partnering with the ADRC staff on problem solving for clients. Shelley has completed a complex case that took 15 months to resolve. AARP has completed the Income Tax Service. Nancy or Pat will help with any others who might need Homestead Tax Credit assistance.

Pat reported the "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" class is underway. The needs of those attending seem to be becoming more critical.

Motion by Karen Dahl, seconded by Sherman Erlandson, to have Leo Verbsky sign the voucher summary when he is in the building for another meeting, due to not having all the bills at the time of our meeting. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

With April comes National Volunteer week. A gift of a specially wrapped candy bars was given to our committee members, and will be given to all of our volunteers.

Pat asked the Committee with help in seeking new representatives for our Aging Advisory Committee. Any interested persons can be referred to her, so that she can explain to them what our mission is and she will bring those meeting committee guidelines back to this committee for approval prior to requesting the County Board Chair appointment.

In Fair planning, the Nutrition Advisory Committee met, and chose a theme "Waste Not, Want Not, Going Green in Vernon County". This year's quilt will be made using scraps of donated fabric.

There is a Wellness Expo planned in Onalaska on April 22, 2010.

Information on the affects of the Health Care Reform Bill for Senior Citizens and Rural America, were shared with the committee. New Civil Rights posters have been placed at all mealsites.

In advocacy, Pat met with the Westby City Council to request that a handicap accessible door be put on the Community Center.

The next Unit on Aging Committee will be on May 10, 2010.

Motion by Karen Dahl, seconded by Kevin Larson to adjourn.

Pat Peterson, Director

Leo Verbsky, President

PP/LV/no