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Vernon County Unit on Aging

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Approved Vernon County Aging Committee Minutes, 6-14-2010, 12:30p.m. in the 2nd floor Conference Room at the Erlandson Office Building with corrections requested by Karen Dahl .

Leo Verbsky called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Those present included Leo Verbsky, Chairman, Karen Dahl, Kevin Larson, Pat Peterson; Director, and Nancy O'Connor; Secretary/Bookkeeper, Tom Spenner; County Board Chairman, Advisory Board members included Peggy Pasker, Orvis Primmer, and Jack Robinson. Todd Overbo and Sherman Erlandson were absent.

Affirmation of public notice was given. Motion by: Karen Dahl, seconded by Kevin Larson to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2010 Aging Committee minutes as written. Motion carried.

Pat gave the financial report noting the addition of \$2000.00 to our revenues due to revisions to our grants from GWAAR. She also gave an update on where we are in the budget at this time. Motion by: Kevin Larson, seconded by Karen Dahl to approve the payment of the May vouchers. Motion carried.

In Nutrition, Pat gave an overview of the locations and staff of all county Mealsites to our new Advisory members. We will keep an eye on the number of participants in Westby, and take note of any changes since we moved the congregate site to Borgens's Café.

In Transportation Pat reported that 33 Express could be on the road by July 1st. She informed the Committee of the special trips coming up. July is the fishing trip, August is the Kickapoo Reserve tour, September is our annual trips to the Apple Orchard and Vernon County Fair, and October is a trip to the Bily Clock Museum in Iowa. The Volunteer Driver Program served 42 riders for medical appointments in May. We are also giving rides to some youth to summer jobs through Western Wisconsin Cares.

The Elderly Benefit Specialist, Pat gave an overview to the Committee, explaining how the MIPPA Grant helps us to market programs to the elderly.

There were no public comments.

Peggy Pasker reported on the listening session that she and Pat attended in Richland Center on the Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. Ideas were discussed, and input from attendees was noted. Emphasis seems to be on funding needs, the promotion of home and community based services and rural needs.

On Wed June 16th the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups will give a presentation called Senior Medicare Patrol at the La Farge mealsite, which helps people avoid scams and recognize/report Medicare fraud.

With the help of Jean Klousia and Charlie Jacobson, we have held staff meetings with both Site Managers and Meal haulers to better train them in how to handle vulnerable senior citizens. Jean shared when possibly a welfare check is needed on someone. Charlie shared basic first aid tips and discussed when it is necessary to call 911.

The Alzheimer's Association will offer a free training called "A Care Package" at WTC in Viroqua, July 12, 19, and 26.

The Senior Farmers Market distribution is underway: five locations have been scheduled for the distribution of 178 packets of \$25.00 vouchers to eligible seniors. These can be used at any participating farmers market to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

In advocacy, Pat and Peggy attended the listening session for the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. Karen Dahl continues her "Breakfast for the Brain", activities at Park View and Maplewood Terrace. Karen has had two radio shows with emphasis on Senior Citizen's issues. Her guest was Va Thao. The Viroqua Bar Association has produced a video concerning the top myths about guardianship. It was suggested the video could be run on the local Community Channel, and also on the County's website in addition to being shown at mealsites.

The next Unit on Aging Meeting will be July 12th at 12:30p.m.

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

Pat Peterson, Director

Leo Verbsky, Chairman

PP/LV/no