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Vernon County Unit on Aging

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The Vernon County Unit on Aging Committee met on 2-14-2011 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at the Erlandson Office Building.

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

Affirmation of public notice was given.

Motion by Karen Dahl: seconded by: Sherman Erlandson to approve the January 17, 2011 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Pat gave the financial report. She gave an overview of the 2010 budget, explaining that the overage in the Caregivers fund will be available to us in 2012. Any extra money from the Transportation Program will be deposited into the restricted fund. She gave a summary of the report to be shared with the Finance Committee on line item changes for 2010. She also gave an overview of the January voucher summary explaining any new vendors. Motion by Karen Dahl: seconded by: Sherman Erlandson to approve the payment of the January vouchers. Motion carried.

In Nutrition Pat shared with the committee that she and Nancy have been making visits to all mealsites, analyzing the daily routines of both the Site manager and the Meal haulers. Pat is completing performance evaluations on all staff. The uncertainty of the Ontario Mealsite remaining at the Garden Street Café is a concern. We will explore all options to continue the service there.

Pat gave the Volunteer Driver Report. The funding for the Scenic Mississippi Regional Transit Project is now on hold. This would include four trips per weekday between Prairie du Chien, Viroqua and La Crosse.

In the Mini bus report Pat shared with the committee that our handicap accessible bus lease is ending May 1, 2011. That report also shows that the handicap accessible bus is used as often as the regular bus. We will be looking for options on purchasing a new or used handicap accessible bus.

Pat gave the Elderly Benefit Report sharing that Shelley's hours have been cut to four days a week due to the availability of funding. The AARP Tax Aide Schedule is filling up quickly.

There were no public comments.

In New Business, Volunteers will help to renovate the Senior Building at the Vernon County Fair Grounds. A partial list of things needed include: painting, windows, doors, and a new floor.

New dietary guidelines show a major change in the Sodium intake. All menus for our mealsites are approved by a Registered Dietician.

The Wisconsin Aging Network Priorities list of what our agency is expected to be advocating for all Senior Citizens has been sent to the Governor's Office.

In advocacy, Pat asked two individuals to attend a listening session hosted by Ron Kind in La Farge. Karen Dahl shared specifics of the Memory Walk. The Unit on Aging will have a team of walkers. Karen continues her Senior Saturday radio program, and asked if we could send out information on that to our Home Delivered Meal participants.

Motion by Sherman Erlandson: seconded by Karen Dahl to enter into closed session pursuant to WI Stats., Sec. 19.85(1)© to discuss Pat Peterson's performance review.

Returned to Open Session.

The next Unit on Aging Committee Meeting will be on March 14, 2011 at 12:30 p.m.

Motion by: Sherman Erlandson: seconded by: Karen Dahl to Adjourn. Motion carried.

Pat Peterson, Director

Leo Verbsky, Chairman
