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Vernon County Unit on Aging

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The Vernon County Unit on Aging Committee met on 7-18-2011 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at the Erlandson Office Building.

Leo Verbsky called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. Members present included Sherman Erlandson, Karen Dahl, Kevin Larson, Pat Peterson; Director; and Nancy O'Connor, Secretary/Bookkeeper. Cade Cary was absent.

Affirmation of public notice was given.

Motion by Karen Dahl: seconded by: Kevin Larson to approve the June, 13, 2011 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Pat gave the financial report. Reporting with 50% of 2011 gone, one focus is on donations being below what was budgeted. She shared where we are on our 2011 budget at this time. She gave an overview of the Voucher Summary explaining any new vendors. Motion by: Karen Dahl; seconded by Kevin Larson to pay the June 2011 bills. Motion carried.

In Nutrition, Pat shared the number of meals served in June and the average donations. She informed the Committee on staff needs, both at our mealsites and for meal haulers. On August 2, 2011 the Coon Valley Mealsite will host "Karen Larson Day" in her memory. Pat also shared that a new stage will be built in the Senior Building at the Fairgrounds.

In Transportation, Pat gave an overview on the specifications of the new handicapped accessible bus that we have ordered. She shared ridership numbers on the Mini-bus for regular trips, as well as special trips. The next special trip will be to round barns in the area. She explained the new Kickapoo Transit Route. She expressed concerns with the 33 Express Route low ridership to date even with much marketing ridership.

The Elderly Benefit Report shows the number of clients served in June. Pat commented that Shelley's performance review from the State Office was positive. Some recent referrals to her have been on people turning age 65 and preparing for retirement.

In Health and Caregiving Pat shared the MMIS Project has been done by our Ameri-Corps Volunteer, who's job with us ends July 27, 2011. Pat will provide this service to any additional individuals who request the service. Pat has started a

monthly support group for caregivers. She is also going to look into a support group for current Vernon County employees who might need help with caring for loved ones. Diane Banner attended a "Share the Care" conference, sharing with the Unit on Aging that she had a very positive experience.

There were no public comments;

In New Business, Pat shared the need to change the time of our Aging Committee meetings, as it is difficult for Cade Cary to attend at the currently scheduled day and time.

GWAAR is offering a Leadership Training two days a month for six months. The fee is \$300.00; motion by; Karen Dahl, seconded by Kevin Larson to pay all costs associated with Pat attending this training.

Pat shared our list of Ho-Chunk money requests, the committee agreed that Pat should prioritize the list and submit it to the Finance Committee.

There will be an AARP Safe Driver Training Course in Viroqua August 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Vernon County Courthouse. There will also be a Senior Medicare Patrol Training in Westby, which helps senior citizens avoid fraud.

In advocacy, Pat shared new voter I.D. information with the committee.

The next Unit on Aging Committee Meeting is to be announced.

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

Pat Peterson, Director

Leo Verbsky, Chairman
