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Vernon County Unit on Aging

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The Vernon County Unit on Aging Committee met on 8-15-2011 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at the Erlandson Office Building.

Leo Verbsky called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Members present included Leo Verbsky, Chair; Sherman Erlandson, Kevin Larson, Cade Cary, Pat Peterson, Director; and Nancy O'Connor, Secretary/Bookkeeper.

Affirmation of public notice was given.

Motion by Sherman Erlandson: seconded by: Kevin Larson to approve the July 18, 2011 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Pat gave the financial report. She reported where we are within the budget at this point of 2011. She gave an overview of the Voucher Summary explaining any new vendors. Motion by: Kevin Larson; seconded by Cade Cary to pay the July 2011 bills. Motion carried.

In Nutrition, Nancy O'Connor shared with the committee the number of meals served in July and the average donations. Pat reported that sixty-six participants enjoyed a meal in Coon Valley on Aug 2nd, in honor of Karen Larson's Birthday. Pat then gave an update on the hiring of new staff.

In Transportation, Pat shared ridership numbers on the Mini-bus for regular trips, as well as special trips. The Kickapoo Transit has had no ridership on Mondays, but has had some ridership on Thursdays. The 33 Express Route had only 2 riders in July, if new promotion does not increase ridership, that service may have to end. All Mini Bus drivers will be attending a training August 17th & 18th in Richland Center. The Volunteer Driver report showed there were 68 rides provided in July, with 40 going to medical appointments and 18 for personal reasons.

The Elderly Benefit Report shows the number of clients served in July, with \$84,069.00 in benefits to those clients. A single Social Security case resulted in the client keeping \$10,069.00 in benefits. Medicare Part D open enrollment begins in mid October.

There were no public comments;

In New Business, Sunday September 11, the 2011 "Senior of Distinction" Banquet will be held at the VFW in Viroqua. The Fair theme this year is "Fit for life", and will feature a number of fitness-related groups as vendors sharing information. We will

hold a "Senior Survivor" competition throughout the fair with prizes for winners. The building's update is completed, and is ready for this year's events.

Pat shared with the committee the cost savings to our department by using a car rental service rather than paying mileage to staff to attend out of town functions. Motion by; Sherman Erlandson, seconded by; Leo Verbsky for the Unit on Aging to begin using car rental service, and report to them how it is going.

Pat gave an overview of all caterer costs for 2012. The committee asked Pat to negotiate with St. Joseph's Health Services in Hillsboro, as their bid was up by \$1.00 per meal. Ontario will be open for bids, as we have a short-term contract there. All other sites will remain with our current caterer. There was also discussion on buying a dishwasher for the La Farge mealsite.

Pat gave an overview of the 2012 budget. The committee will review again next month, before it is submitted to the Finance Committee.

In advocacy, Pat visited with a group from Hillsboro, called "HERO". They have taken on a project to educate people on the new Voter ID rules and assist those needing Voter IDs in getting them.

The next Unit on Aging Committee Meeting will be at 1:00 p.m., Monday, September 12 in the Senior Building at the Vernon County Fairgrounds.

Motion by: Cade Cary: seconded by; Kevin Larson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Pat Peterson, Director

Leo Verbsky, Chairman
