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## Vernon County Unit on Aging

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### **The Vernon County Unit on Aging Committee met on 2-17-2014 at the Erlandson Building.**

Kevin Larson called the meeting to order at 1:00 a.m. Additional members present included: Gary Thompson, Francis Hynek, Mary Bringe and Jim Servais. Advisory Council members: Sherman Erlandson and Karen Mack. County Board members: Herb Cornell and Ole Yttri. Guests were Greg Lunde, Corporation Council, and Adrian Amelse, candidate for County Board. Pat Peterson, Director and Laura Groom, Office Assistant.

### **Affirmation of public notice was given.**

**Financial Report:** Pat presented the vouchers for January and they were discussed. Motion by: Francis Hynek, seconded by Gary Thompson to approve the January vouchers. Motion passed.

**Nutrition-** Laura gave the Nutrition Report. She shared the amount of donations for the sites and Home delivered meals for January. She shared that there four snow days in January. Laura also shared that in Viroqua one of the HDM driver was influential in the health and wellbeing of a patron by calling EMS and alerting his family. The Family has been very appreciative.

**Mini Bus/ Volunteer Driver-** Pat shared the reports for the last month on the bus. She shared that the bus has been canceled four times in the month of January because of weather. Pat gave the Report on the Volunteer Driver Program. The Volunteer Driver Program was affected by weather-related cancelations, as well.

**Elder Benefit Specialist-**Pat gave the EBS report and answered the committee's questions. Pat shared that Shelley hours have been cut to the 28 hours and her new hours are Mondays thru Thursdays 9-4:30pm. She also shared that there is a grant being applied for that would increase Shelley's hours to full -time for two years.

**Health And Caregiving-**Pat shared that she had facilitated a group meeting at the Viroqua Medical Center to discuss needs for caregivers and patients affected by Alzheimer's Disease. Classes on this disease followed in Hillsboro. She plans to do more to raise awareness of the resources available and to advocate for increasing resources for caregivers.

**Public Comments:** There were no Public comments.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Advocacy:** Francis Hynek shared that he has been talking to the people in La Farge and doing what he can to advocate for them. He is finding that overall the people of La Farge are not happy with having meals catered and do not want the change!

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Three Year Aging Plan Self- Assessment-** Pat read though the Plan and reported on each goal. Motion was made by Francis Hynek and seconded by Gary Thompson to accept the plan with the addition of Care WI as a Family Care Provider. All were in favor of accepting the report and the motion passed.

**Friends of the Unit on Aging-** Pat shared that our Department needs to have Friends Of the Unit on Aging Group to do our fundraising events and be ambassadors in the community to share what the department is all about. Motion was made by Mary Bringe and the second was made by Jim Servais, to allow Pat to form a group, "Friends of the Unit on Aging".

**Update on the 2014 Caterers-** Pat reported that we are moving our caterers into a 6-week rotating menu plan.

**Recognition of Committee Members-** Our committee has three members that will not be continuing on after the April 2014 meeting. Francis Hynek, Gary Thompson and Kevin Larson will be finished with their terms in April of this year. The Advisory Council also has a member that has completed two terms, Peggy Pasker. Pat presented these members with a certificate and extended her appreciation for their years of service.

**La Farge Mealsite-** The Committee heard some comments from Adrian Amelse and Francis Hynek. Kevin asked for a Motion to into closed session.

Motion was made by Jim Servais and Seconded by Mary Bringe. Roll call vote was taken with one no vote that was placed by Francis Hynek. Motion passed. When the meeting went into closed session only County Board Bembers remained in the meeting.

Motion was made by Gary Thompson and the second was made by Jim Servais to return to open session and Pat and Laura rejoined the group.

Motion was made by Jim Servais to return the \$6,500 grant to the LaFarge Senior Center, the second was made by Gary Thompson. The Motion included Pat and Kevin visiting the Senior Center and Organic Valley to inform them as to the reasons for returning of the funds. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion was made to discontinue the rent payment to the Senoir Center after March. First was made by Mary Bringe and second by Jim Servais. There were three yes votes and Francis was opposed to the motion. The Motion passed.

Amended Motion to the Repayment motion to be less the rent already paid to the Senior Center for the use of the Facility. First was made by Jim Servais and the second was by Mary Bringe. Motion Passed. (Total amount to be repaid is \$ 5,750.00.)

Motion was made to review the La Farge Meal site at the March 17<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting by Francis Hynek and the Gary Thompson made the second. Motion Passed.

Motion was made by Jim Servais to pay the \$5,750 this month with other vouchers the second was made by Mary Bringe. Motion Passed.

**Our next meeting will be held on March 17,2014 at 1:00 pm at the Erlandson Building.**

Motion by, Jim Servais seconded by Francis Hynek to adjourn. Motion carried.

Pat Peterson, Director

Kevin Larson, Co-Chairman

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