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Memo To: La Crosse County Board of Supervisors
From: Steve O'Malley, County Administrator
Date: January 5, 2012

Re: January Monthly Report to the County Board

Attached is the January Monthly Report to the County Board, providing monitoring information about department activities to the full County Board instead of reporting only to governing committees.

REMINDER Monthly Reporting by roughly half the organization every other month. While you will receive this report each month, the reports do not cover every department each time.

February, April, June, August, Oct. & Dec.

Planning, Resources & Development
Public Works & Infrastructure
Judiciary & Law Enforcement
Corp Counsel & Child Support

January, March, May, July, September, November

Health & Human Services
Aging & Long Term Care
County Clerk, Finance, IT,
Printing, Personnel, Treasurer

“OF INTEREST”

Planning Agenda: Jan 9, 2012

There will be several updates at this meeting:

- Juvenile Detention Facility programming changes and Economic Support regionalization
- Consideration of shared funding of a study to realign Exit 3 at Interstate 90
- Corporation Counsel update in open session on the claim by the Jennings family

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In addition, I will update the Board on the discussions with the City of La Crosse & City of Onalaska regarding the Schroeder property which indicates some interest in pursuing a longer term plan for commercial industrial development adjacent to the landfill entrance. Also, I will recommend that the County Board not approve the resolution for a right of first refusal for purchase of the property.

Number of County Employees

Attached to this monthly report is a Ten Year history of the number of Full Time Equivalent County employees 2001-2010, and a Ten Year history of the number of Full Time and Part Employees over the same period prepared by the Finance Department, as requested at a previous County Board meeting.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail.

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MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Aging & Long Term Care December 2012

Aging Unit

- **Ruthie Hafner is Retiring after 37 Years with La Crosse County!** She has been part of the Aging Unit for 25 years. She will be greatly missed. What can you say except her retirement is well deserved and we wish her well!
- **Gifted Hands** has completed a successful holiday season. Sales for November \$7486 & December \$9,613 totaled \$17,099 which is a 58% increase over 2010 (December 2010 \$5,839 & November \$4098). We were able to fill in with volunteers to cover the hours the store was open.
- **Elderly Benefit Specialist Program** helps seniors with decisions regarding Medicare Part D. Though the re-enrollment period was shortened this year (December 7 instead of December 31) things went very well.
- **Every Thursday, 10AM, Room 3212 (Admin Center) Drop In to meet with Larry White** to ask your questions about retirement, Social Security, Medicare or how to live to be 100 and various topics.
- Hoping 2012 will be a productive and successful year for all of us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Noreen Holmes

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Health & Human Services January 2012

Health Department

Health Department Mission:

Protect, Promote and Improve the Health of All People in the County

Selected activities undertaken in recent months to meet 2011 Health Department goals include:

Goal #1 – Provide high priority public health services

- Fourth quarter Landfill water and air sampling services were completed.
- Preparations for the Department of Natural Resources site visit on drinking water laboratory recertification were completed.
- Coordination with six other counties in the area is underway to provide information to the public on the hazards of tobacco products with fruit flavors, etc. being marketed to youth as an alternative to traditional tobacco products.
- One part of a community education program on the hazards associated with open burning resulted in over 12,000 newspaper inserts for communities in the County.
- Increase in reported sexually transmitted diseases in La Crosse Co. and across the state has meant a higher level of activities associated with follow up of persons in contact with persons who had the disease to prevent further transmission.
- Reimbursement for Home Care services is less than the cost of providing those services. In order to stay within the projected 2012 budget, the number of clients by funding source, numbers of visits by RN and Home Health aide staff and the length of time per visit are all being monitored on a weekly basis.
- The Health Department has been informed that the Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) contract has been extended to October 31, 2012. Under this contract, efforts associated with Complete Streets, encouraging local produced food use in local schools, encouraging exercise at schools and other programming is continued in conjunction with over 20 local community organizations.
- The National Association of Counties (NACo) Prescription Drug Program has resulted in a total savings of over \$32,000 for persons from La Crosse County.
- The annual effort to encourage persons in the County to obtain their influenza vaccine continues to show success with over 20 clinics being held and 2,000 persons being immunized. Vaccine supplies are sufficient this year to enable other providers to deliver immunizations thus protecting more persons.
- Health Department public health nursing staff has been invited to the National Salvation Army Education Convention to give a presentation on the La Crosse County effort to coordinate delivery of health promotion and prevention services

to the homeless at the local Salvation Army in conjunction with Viterbo University School of Nursing.

- The annual effort to limit the amount of mosquito transmitted disease appears to be successful with no confirmed cases of La Crosse encephalitis in the county.

Goal #2 - Achieve and maintain designation as the highest level public health agency

- The Health Department has received and implemented a \$10,000 contract to assist in covering the cost associated becoming a nationally accredited health department in 2013. The Health and Human Services Board is reviewing the criteria for the 12 categories of activities against which local health departments are measured. National accreditation is used as a measure to determine the quality and efficiency of local public health service delivery.

Goal #3 – Promote and utilize partnerships to develop public health services

- The Health Department is encouraging the Secretary of the Department of Health Services and area legislators to move forward with a health impact assessment of frac sand mining on people in the vicinity of mining operations.
- The Health and Human Services Board has authorized the Health Department and Human Services Department to work with partners in La Crosse County to analyze each death of a person under age 18 to determine what steps may be taken to prevent future deaths in this population.

Doug Mormann, Health Director

Human Services Department

ADMINISTRATION

Funding for Lakeview's Western Wisconsin Cares' Residents

We continue to be concerned with Human Services' ongoing responsibility to fund the non-MA costs at Lakeview for La Crosse County residents placed there who are members of Western Wisconsin Cares (WWC). This issue is based on the 2008 denial by the State for Managed Care Organizations to pay for its members who are in the home county of the nursing home facility operated under the Commission model of governance. The number of individuals placed at Lakeview by WWC is continuing to grow, their current census being 33 individuals. Our approved funding for 2012 for these residents, which is all County levy, is budgeted at \$611,667.

Steve O'Malley, Pam Semb, and we are working with our member organizations and Andy Phillips from Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) to have a meeting with the State to determine if this responsibility can be placed where we believe it appropriately belongs under WWC's capitation reimbursement and rate. The outcome of this meeting will drive future decisions on the use of Lakeview, capital investments at Lakeview, resident service options, etc.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S

Juvenile Justice

Interviews for the Juvenile Justice (JJ) Supervisor have concluded. Mandy Bisek has been offered the position and has accepted. Mandy has been a juvenile justice worker at La Crosse County for the past 8 years. She has embraced and utilized some of the evidence-based practice approaches that were promoted in the Carey report. She will begin

transitioning into the role of JJ supervisor immediately with an official start date of 12/12/11. A specific plan for the comprehensive implementation of Evidence Based Practice in JJ will be developed soon and shared with the HHS Board early in 2012.

Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF)

The Request for Proposal (RFP) committee has selected Hiawatha Valley Mental Health as the provider for psychological and AODA services as a sole source provider in JDF. The programming committee is moving forward into the final development new programming and will be finalizing an implementation plan.

IV-E Funding

We completed and submitted an application to receive IV-E legal services funding. We are requesting approximately \$48,000 (based on existing allowable legal services match formula) that will be dedicated to increasing timely permanency through the purchase of additional legal services. We will purchase contracted legal services for select cases.

CHEMICAL HEALTH & JUSTICE SANCTIONS

Transition from Jail to Community (TJC) Initiative

Jail staff and CHJS staff have been having weekly meetings to enhance the data collection and evaluation tools currently being utilized. The goal is to have the ability to run reports that identify heavy users of the jail and are recidivists.

Chemical Health & Justice Sanctions (CHJS) Reception Area

The La Crosse Community Foundation awarded a grant to the reception area of CHJS to make it more welcoming. A child size picnic table, rugs, and books were placed in the reception area. Plants, a coffee table, end tables, and a computer are planned for the area.

Jason Witt

Human Services Director

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Internal Departments January 2012

County Clerk Office

ELECTIONS

- **February Primary:** The filing deadline for candidates for the Spring Elections was Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 5:00 PM. After a flurry of activity in our office the past few days, there will definitely be a February Primary Election for County Board Supervisory Districts 11, 12 and 28. Districts 11 and 12 are in the City of La Crosse and District 28 will include parts of the Towns of Barre, Hamilton, Medary, Shelby and the Village of West Salem. At this time it does not appear there will be a Primary for any of the State or Municipal contests. The only State office on the ballot this spring will be the Court of Appeals Judge - District 4. Our office will now begin to program the election for the Primary, layout the ballots, obtain approval of the ballots by the Government Accountability Board, School Districts and Municipal Clerks, and then send the ballots to the printer. Ballots and supplies are scheduled to be to the Municipal Clerks on January 30, 2012 in time for mailing out absentee ballots on January 31. In-person absentee voting begins February 6 and the Primary Election will be held on February 21, 2012.
- **2012 Election Educational Sessions on Voter ID:** The County Clerk's Office has been working with the League of Women Voters, AARP, and the Aging Department to set up Voter ID sessions throughout La Crosse County the week of January 9, 2012. At these sessions, County Clerk Ginny Dankmeyer will be discussing what has changed, what is an acceptable ID, how and where to get a free ID, how to get a copy of your birth certificate, registrations and voting, special rules for assisted living and nursing homes, and where to call for additional assistance. Everyone is invited to attend and to ask questions if you or someone you know has a unique circumstance. The dates and times for these sessions are:
 - **Tuesday, January 10, 2012** – 10:30 AM, Onalaska City Hall
 - **Wednesday, January 11, 2012** – 1:30 PM, Holmen Village Hall
 - **Thursday, January 12, 2012** – 1:30 PM, West Salem Village Hall
 - **Friday, January 13, 2012** – 10:30 AM, La Crosse City Hall
- **2011 Election Year in Review:** What was supposed to be a year with only two small elections, quickly turned into a record year that will stand for years to come. The April Spring Election turned into a recount of the contest for the Justice of the Supreme Court, coinciding with the Special Election for the 94th Assembly District to replace Mike Huebsch. That quickly was followed up with a Recall Primary in July and the Recall Election in August. With Jennifer Shilling winning the Recall Election and resigning her 95th Assembly seat, that brought another round of elections. October was the Primary Election for the 95th Assembly District followed with the Election in November. All was calm for only a couple of weeks before the December 1st date to circulate nomination papers for the County Board Supervisory Districts. The final expenditure on elections for 2011 was \$62,801.01. This was only the County cost and does not include the cost spent at the Municipal level or wages and salary.

MARRIAGE LICENSES and Domestic Partnerships

- In 2011 we have issued the following: 693 Marriage Licenses (this is very close to what we issued in 2010), 18 Waivers, 7 Reissues (Lost, had cross outs or wrote in blue ink) and 8 Domestic Partnership Declarations with 1 Termination.

COUNTY CLERK REVENUES FOR 2011 (Per Finance 12/15/11)

Marriage Licenses.....	\$30,440.00
Domestic Partnerships & Terminations	520.00
Dogs - Late Tag Sales.....	10,837.50
Wisconsin DNR (including boats, ATV, snowmobile reg.) & Iowa DNR	1098.60
Timber Cutting Permits, Parade Permits, Copies, Misc.	960.00
Directory Book Sales (does not include Inter-Departmental sales)	440.34

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk