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**Memo To: La Crosse County Board of Supervisors**  
**From: Steve O'Malley, County Administrator**  
**Date: July 10, 2012**

**Re: July Monthly Report to the County Board**

Attached is the July 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”**

Annual Habitat 500 bike ride

Just a reminder that as many of you know, I will not be attending the County Board meeting on Thursday July 19, 2012 since I will be on vacation that entire week to complete my 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Habitat 500 mile bike ride. Gary Ingvalson will be attending and able to follow-up on any matters that are needed in my absence.

Ethics Board Decision regarding complaint

The La Crosse County Ethics Board met on July 6, 2012 regarding the complaint alleging ethics violations by the County Administrator regarding my professional support for the City Administrator referendum. To quote the conclusion of the decision: “In short, the Board finds that the Complainant did not meet the burden of providing ‘clear and convincing evidence’ that Mr. O’Malley violated the La Crosse county Code of Ethics.”

*If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail.  
County Administrator direct line: 785-9789, cell phone 608-385-3316  
or e-mail [steve.omalley@co.la-crosse.wi.us](mailto:steve.omalley@co.la-crosse.wi.us)*

# **MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD**

## **Aging & Long Term Care July 2012**

### **Aging Unit**

Please see attached.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Noreen Holmes

# MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

## Health & Human Services July 2012

### Health Department

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

#### **Goal #1 – Provide high priority public health services**

- The pertussis outbreak continues with over 100 cases being reported among La Crosse County residents so far this year. Public Health nursing staff interview each family and take action to notify and prevent transmission among persons exposed including schools, work sites, day cares, etc.
- Weather and assertive action by Vector Control staff have combined to limit the disease carrying and pest mosquito control populations so far this year.
- Tara Johnson, Sharon Hampson and Monica Kruse in their public health emergency response capacity participated with Steve O'Malley, representatives of Red Cross, surrounding county health departments, Health Department staff and others to exercise the Health Department Emergency Response Plan. The exercise was based on the hypothetical exposure of several thousand people to foodborne hepatitis at a local community festival.
- Environmental Health staff conducted training and inspections to assure safe food handling by about 100 food vendors at the seven farmers' markets opened in the County this summer.
- Home Health services are continuing to be reduced in terms of number of people served and the amount of services per client in order to meet the required reductions in local tax levy support.
- Nutrition programs to encourage senior citizen exercise, pedestrian and bike accessible streets, support of schools to utilize food produced by local farms, support of Wal-Mart, McDonald's, Stansfield vending and other local businesses to develop new ways to encourage good nutrition choices by their customers with a net profit and other activities continue. Significant progress is being made to find ways to continue these services in 2013 through private sector, private nonprofit foundations and continuing federal financial support.
- Significant work is being done to develop the Health Department 2013 budget. It is anticipated the Department will continue to have well over half of the funding needed to provide services that protect the health of the public coming from non County taxes.

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

- Progress continues to update Department policies and procedures, identify and deliver evidence based public health programming, update the Health Department website, develop a Health Department Performance Management Plan and other activities to be prepared for submission of a request for national accreditation as a local health department in 2013.

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

- Health Department staff continues to be involved in a wide range of community supported activities including implementation of the Community Health Improvement Plan, Healthiest County 2015: La Crosse, Pioneering Health Communities, Communities Putting Prevention to Work, Child Obesity Task Force, and the Coulee Region Immunization Coalition among others.

Doug Mormann  
Health Department Director

## **Human Services Department**

### **ECONOMIC SUPPORT**

#### New Supervisor for WREA Consortium Call Centers

Tricia Wavra has been hired to assume the responsibility of supervising the Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA) Consortium Call Centers. The Client Registration and Call/Change Center are both centralized in La Crosse County. Tricia was a Call/Change Center worker for La Crosse County's Change Center since it began operations in 2004.

#### BadgerCare

The Department of Health Services sent out a notification letter the second week in June to BadgerCare recipients who will be affected by the Medicaid cuts in July. Among the changes are an increase in the number of recipients who must pay monthly BadgerCare Plus premiums, and an increase in the premium amounts. There will no longer be backdated coverage for those on MA with incomes above a specific threshold. Beginning in July, those who have employer-sponsored health insurance that does not exceed 9.5% of their annual salary will not be eligible for BadgerCare. Under current policy, if a Medicaid Recipient does not pay their monthly premium they can be prohibited from re-enrolling in the program for six months even if they pay all back premiums. Beginning in July, the restrictive re-enrollment for individuals who do not pay their monthly health care premiums will be 12 months. The Department of Children & Families (DCF) continues to work for federal approval of various other Medicaid cuts previously proposed.

### **MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY SERVICES**

#### Integration of Physical & Mental Health

Mental Health Recovery Services and Scenic Bluffs were selected to receive technical assistance to explore ways to integrate physical, dental, and behavioral health services in some fashion in our community. A collaborative change team has been working for the past two months on ways that consumers within our most intense case management model (Community Support Program) can access physical and dental services from Scenic Bluffs in a seamless, efficient, and coordinated manner. The team plans to bring forward recommendations to administration within the next couple of months.

### **CHEMICAL HEALTH & JUSTICE SANCTIONS**

#### Smarter Sentencing Training

More than 60 people attended the day long Smarter Sentencing training on May 8 conducted by The Carey Group. Participants consisted of judges, social workers from the Juvenile Justice and Chemical Health and Justice Sanctions units, probation agents, prosecutors, defense attorneys, community partners, and volunteers.

### **AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF WESTERN WISCONSIN**

#### ADRC-WW Process Improvement Teams

We are beginning the implementation of 8 Process Improvement (PI) Teams to deal with no increases in funding, support supervisory roles, empower Social Work staff to better perform their roles, and enhance customer service. Staff from all four ADRC-WW counties will be involved in this initiative.

## **FAMILY & CHILDREN'S**

### Data Leadership Initiative

On May 15<sup>th</sup> Jason Witt, Nancy Pohlman and Deanna Hoffman presented the La Crosse County data leadership initiative to approximately 70 people in attendance at a state-wide meeting of the pilot counties and Department of Children & Families staff.

### In-Home Safety Services

On May 29<sup>th</sup> a meeting was held with community partners regarding the In-home Safety Services grant. Community partners in attendance included several representatives from the school districts within La Crosse County, Judges, medical social workers, the La Crosse County Health Dept. and service provider representatives. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview for interested partners and providers in the community to explain the goals of the grant, and how that could have impacts locally on the intensive services provided to families as a viable alternative to out-of-home placement.

*Jason Witt*

*Human Services Director*

# MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

## Internal Departments July 2012

### Treasurer's Office

2<sup>nd</sup> half notices for the current year taxes due on or before July 31<sup>st</sup> have been mailed and the tax collection is picking up. Balance of the current year taxes to collect by July 31<sup>st</sup> is \$18,539,255.43 and the delinquent taxes have a balance of \$3,173,983.38.

See monthly collections for 2012 below.

#### DELINQUENT

MONTH/YEAR	TAX	INTEREST	SPECIAL SPECIAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
Jan-12	202,502.46	53,438.47	19,503.96	4,645.13	280,090.02
Feb-12	179,388.09	49,187.77	12,140.39	2,107.99	242,824.24
March-12	164,424.90	52,435.58	7,562.37	1,422.64	225,845.49
April-12	117,812.57	38,636.88	9,105.56	2,200.25	167,755.26
May-12	192,219.03	94,051.05	13,958.32	3,100.59	303,328.99

#### CURRENT

MONTH/YEAR	TAX	INTEREST	SPECIAL	SPECIAL INTEREST	TOTAL
Feb-12	366,910.30	4,153.66			371,063.96
March-12	469,719.28	9,428.90			479,148.18
April-12	249,775.22	4,580.66			254,355.88
May-12	258,657.23	5,982.75			264,639.98

Reported by Donna Hanson, County Treasurer

### County Clerk's Office

#### Elections

- **May 8<sup>th</sup> Recall Primary:** Turnout for the Recall Primary was 32.02%. However, the June Recall Election was another story.
- **June 5<sup>th</sup> Recall Election:** The turnout was incredibly high for this election; this was expected though due to the amount of attention this election received. Countywide the voter turnout was 66.92%.
- **August 14<sup>th</sup> Partisan Primary:** Currently, our office is working on the upcoming Partisan Primary on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. This type of election creates a three column and two sided ballot and is the most complicated to code. Partisan Primaries allow for voters to vote for candidates in only one political party. This may cause confusion to the voter and we are preparing for this with additional training for the municipal clerks and additional signage being posted within the voting booths. The Municipal Clerks have received their absentee ballots as they were to have them mailed out to all valid

requests on file no later than Thursday, June 28, 2012. Voters can absentee vote in the Clerk's Office beginning on Monday, July 30, 2012, until Friday, August 10, 2012. However, if the voter would like to vote absentee by mail, the last day to make a request is Thursday, August 9, 2012.

**Dog Licenses**

- Approximately, 1156 citations were mailed to La Crosse County dog owners (outside of the City of La Crosse) who have yet to license their dogs for the year of 2012. This citation notifies the dog owners that they have until Monday, July 9, 2012, to license their dog to avoid the \$200.50 citations. The court date is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 1:30 with Judge Pasell.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk

# La Crosse County, Wisconsin

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TO: Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

FROM: James M. Speropulos, Facilities Director

DATE: July 2, 2012

RE: Lake Neshonoc Land Sale Report

In 2007, La Crosse County Public Works & Infrastructure Committee passed a resolution to authorize the survey and appraisal of 18 parcels of County-owned land around Lake Neshonoc. To date, 13 parcels have been purchased and 5 remain unsold.

The following is a summary of the designated fund.

### Lake Neshonoc Land Sales

<b>2008</b>	Total sales price (13 parcels)	\$ 254,760.24	
	- Less selling costs	<u>(27,260.24)</u>	
	<b>12/31/08 Reserve balance</b>		<b><u>\$ 227,500.00</u></b>
<b>2009</b>	No activity	0	
	<b>12/31/09 Reserve balance</b>		<b><u>\$ 227,500.00</u></b>
<b>2010</b>	No activity	0	
	<b>12/31/10 Reserve balance</b>		<b><u>\$ 227,500.00</u></b>
<b>2011</b>	Deduct for Neshonoc Improvements	<u>(100,000.00)</u>	
	- Neshonoc South Park Road Improvement		
	- Neshonoc Swarthout Park Vault Toilet Replacement		
	<b>12/31/11 Reserve balance</b>		<b><u>\$ 127,500.00</u></b>
<b>2012</b>	Deduct for Neshonoc Improvements	<u>(75,000.00)</u>	
	- Shoreline Rip Rap for Lake Neshonoc		
	<b>CURRENT BALANCE IN RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>		
	<b>07/2012</b>		<b><u>\$ 52,500.00</u></b>



La Crosse County  
Aging Unit



Comfort  
Keepers



Aging & Disability Resource Center  
of Western Wisconsin



Friday,  
September 28,  
8:30am-2:30pm

# Aging in Place

## Creative Housing & Helpful Services in an Aging World

*a seminar for consumers & family caregivers,  
trade professionals, service & healthcare  
providers, students & entrepreneurs*

Featuring tools, techniques, & resources to make our  
homes more aging friendly. Seminar includes  
presentations, demonstrations, & resources.

### Black River Beach Neighborhood Center

1433 Rose St.

La Crosse, WI 54603

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|-------------|---|
| 8:30-9:30   | Registration & Exhibitors   |
| 9:30-10:00  | Aging: Your Place or Mine?  |
| 10:00-11:15 | Homes and Built Environments<br>The CAPS Experience   |
| 11:15-11:45 | Break and Light Lunch<br><b>Breakout Sessions</b>   |
| 11:45-12:30 | *Home Sweet Home: <i>A look at Multiple<br/>Housing Options for Older People</i><br>*Why do I need a building permit?<br>& Contractor's Etiquette |
| 12:45-1:45  | *Kate's Little Blue House<br>*Home Services and New Technologies  |



**Exhibitor Tables Available \$50  
Call Comfort Keepers 784-3357**



**Monica Sommerfeldt Lewis**, Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS), one of the building industry's top professionals with skills and knowledge specific to home modifications for aging-in-place. Lewis is president and owner of Archer Lion Inc.

**Questions? Call  
Noreen 785-9710**

**Registration fee: \$20**  
(includes light lunch and materials)

Please return completed form &  
check made payable to:

La Crosse Aging Unit  
400 4th Street North Room 2260  
La Crosse, WI 54601

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_