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Memo To: La Crosse County Board of Supervisors
From: Steve O'Malley, County Administrator
Date: September 9, 2013

Re: September Monthly Report to the County Board

Attached is the September 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”

September 9, 2013 Policy Planning meeting

Agenda will include consideration of:

- Appointment of County Veteran Service Officer
- Review of Policy changes due to the Union Transition
- Update on the 2014 County Administrators Budget

*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 September 2013

Aging Department

Please see attached flyer.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Noreen Holmes, Director*

Lakeview Health Center

LAKEVIEW PLANNING UPDATE

Planning for the Lakeview campus continues. Design concepts continue to be developed for the nursing home and the 15 bed CBRF's. With the selection of Market & Johnson, Inc to provide construction management services, it is anticipated they will participate in the design and pre-construction process for the campus as we move forward.

An initial meeting with the State engineer was held to review the 8 bed CBRF approval process and discuss the Life Safety Code requirements for the CBRF.

Town hall meetings continue to elicit good feedback from staff related to design. Additional meetings with staff will be held in September to obtain more structured feedback related to the resident living spaces. This feedback will help ensure a design focused on efficiency and safety for all staff and residents.

2013 ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES CONFERENCE

A team of Lakeview Health Center staff has been invited to present at the upcoming Adult Protective Services Conference in October. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, this conference is designed to "provide extensive training opportunities for Adult Protective Services ... professionals who are committed to protecting Adults At Risk." Paul Kaiser, one of our social workers and me will be facilitating a panel discussion about developing a framework within the nursing home setting to manage challenging behaviors by utilizing both internal and community supports.

PERSONAL ALARMS

Many positive changes are happening at Lakeview Health Center. We recently formed an internal team to reduce and eliminate the use of personal alarms within our nursing home. Personal alarms have been used by us and many facilities as a way to alert staff when residents are moving and could potentially fall. There is no evidence that alarms prevent falls and in reality, could startle a resident and cause a fall. This team will look at our current process and develop training for staff to help them respond to resident needs without the use of personal alarms. Our goal is to be alarm free by the end of 2013.

MUSIC & MEMORY INITIATIVE

Lakeview Health Center was selected as one of 100 nursing homes to participate in the Wisconsin Music & Memory Initiative. This initiative, sponsored by the Department of Health Services, will fully fund certification for our facility to become a Music & Memory facility. This program uses iPod technology to provide personalized music to residents with dementia. The goals of this initiative are many & include enhanced socialization and personal enjoyment, reduced agitation and sun-downing and reduced reliance on the use of anti-psychotic and anti-anxiety medications.

Sincerely,

Wanda Plachecki, Administrator

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Lakeview Health Center

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Health & Human Services September 2013

Health Department

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

Goal #1 – Provide high priority public health services.

- As of the end of June, a total of 1,500 prescriptions were administered in La Crosse County through the County pharmaceutical drug program coordinated with the National Counties Association.
- Health Department staff has been working with a variety of partners in the community on how to enroll persons eligible under the Affordable Care Act for reduced health insurance costs.
- Staff is working with the Criminal Justice Management Council and others to develop a potential task force on heroin prevention.
- The Health Department website has been updated: <http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/health/>
- Department environmental health staff has prosecuted cases for lead paint exposure, public health hazards associated with exterior trash, food establishments that fail to get appropriate licensing and making determinations on clean up after meth labs have been identified.
- The Health Department coordinated the operation of cooling centers on two separate occasions in the last two months—six persons presented the first evening and 16 the second. The County was fortunate in having no health related deaths, unlike other parts of Wisconsin.
- Follow up continues on the TB exposure that implicated over 150 persons.
- Over 200 community members participated in the Farmers' Market Community Health Challenge.
- Approximately 400 seniors participated in the Strong Seniors Program through the months of June, July and August.
- No mosquito related disease infections have been reported in the County so far this summer.
- Through the end of seven months in 2013 or 58% of the year, health revenues are 52% of budget while expenses are 54% of budget on a cash basis.

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

- A recent site visit by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection showed the Health Department is meeting specifications of the food inspection program.
- The official initiation of the National Accreditation process for local health departments began for La Crosse County Health Department on August 20.

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

- The Bangor School Board has requested the Health Department to coordinate a fluoride rinse program to prevent dental disease in their school.
- The Health Department, along with Human Services Department participated in the Rebuilding Learning Summit that is part of the County of La Crosse, City of La Crosse and School District of La Crosse effort to coordinate and improve services in the County.

Submitted by Doug Mormann, Director

Human Services Department

AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

Care Wisconsin

As of August a second vendor, Care Wisconsin, will become the second long term care managed care vendor in our 8 county region. Contracts and implementation details are being finalized. Eligible county residents who are elderly or disabled will now have a choice between this new vendor, Western Wisconsin Cares, and the self directed IRIS option.

CHEMICAL HEALTH & JUSTICE SANCTIONS

Outstanding Criminal Justice Program Award

Chemical Health and Justice Sanctions (CHJS) is the recipient of an "Outstanding Criminal Justice Program Award" for the Midwest Region given annually by the National Criminal Justice Association. Awards will be presented during the 2013 NCJA National Forum on Criminal Justice at a luncheon on Tuesday August 6. The National Forum will take place Aug. 4-6 at the Chicago InterContinental hotel in Chicago, IL.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SECTION

Permanency Round Tables

La Crosse County Human Services-Family & Children's Section has been invited to present on our successful implementation of the Permanency Round Tables initiative at the Governor's residence on August 15. Nancy Pohlman will be representing the agency during an executive meeting which includes the Secretary of the Department of Children & Families (DCF) and other DCF management staff as well as the executive board of Casey Family Programs.

MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY SERVICES

Children's Mental Health Grid

The Mental Health / Substance Abuse subcommittee of the Family Policy Board is working on a grid of current children's mental health services available within the La Crosse Area. This grid will help the county and the community determine gaps in the current system that need to be addressed in order to strengthen children's mental health services in this area.

ECONOMIC SUPPORT

FoodShare Payment Accuracy Award

The federal Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) is presenting an award to La Crosse County and a handful of other Wisconsin Counties for outstanding performance in Food Share payment accuracy for Federal Fiscal Year 2012. Nine of the 12 months of FFY 2012, La Crosse County was operating as part of the Western Region for Economic Assistance

(WREA) IM Consortium. Staff from all eight counties were processing La Crosse County's Food Share cases. Therefore, the award being presented to La Crosse County is really an award for the WREA Consortium.

Wisconsin Shares Child Care Program Pilot

The Wisconsin Shares Child Care program pilot that the Western Region for Economic Assistance Consortium is a part of under a partnership with the Department of Children and Families is going well. The goal of having Child Care Administration align with other Consortium operations has simplified the process. Evaluation criteria for the pilot, which will run into mid to late 2014, have been established. Following the pilot the goal is to allow other consortia to move forward with operating their Wisconsin Shares Child Care program alongside their other consortium operations.

Regional Enrollment Network

Economic Support is participating with the Department of Health Services (DHS), hospitals and other organizations to plan for a Regional Enrollment Network within the 8-county WREA Consortium service area. The purpose of the Network will be to organize a coordinated response to the upcoming health care changes within the 8-county region. With many public and private organizations making plans and devoting resources that will be able to assist individuals to enroll in the newly available private insurance, DHS recognized a need for the region to organize and coordinate the various efforts. The Regional Enrollment Network will ensure resources are being used in the most efficient and effective manner.

Jason Witt
Human Services Director

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Internal Departments September 2013

County Clerk's Office

Elections

La Crosse County has purchased new voting equipment from Election System & Software (ES&S). The DS200's will be delivered in September and training of all municipal clerks and poll workers will take place in October. All municipalities in La Crosse County have agreed to purchase the same equipment. This decision will allow the clerk's office to continue to code elections for the county and will continue to be a significant cost savings for the county and municipalities.

Dog Licenses

On August 22, 2013, Judge Levine found 142 owners with 183 dogs guilty by default for failure to license their dogs or provide proof of rabies. So far this year, the County Clerk's office has sold approximately 815 late dog tags over the counter for revenues of \$12,234.

Marriage Licenses

We continue to be in our busy time of year for issuing marriage licenses. We have sold 481 licenses, 8 waivers, and 6 reissues this year for revenues of \$22,040.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk

Treasurer's Office

July and August were busy months in the Treasurer's Office as the 2nd half taxes were due July 31st and also the August Settlements. In September we will be running the Notice of Issuance of Tax Certificate for Taxes and a delinquent notice on all delinquent taxes. We will also be doing a presentation to the Public Works and Infrastructure in September in regards to a few residential properties that were taken due to the 2008 foreclosure process that was recently done. We are also starting to work on the 2009 foreclosures and will have this put together sometime around October.

DELINQUENT – MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

MONTH/YEAR	TAX	INTEREST	SPECIAL	SPEC INT	TOTAL
Jan-13	114,132.91	38740.31	5722.39	1,055.60	159,651.21
Feb-13	114,153.64	35432.60	5061.16	1,072.62	155,720.02
Mar-13	175,882.67	62904.94	8641.90	2,070.65	249,500.16
Apr-13	140,390.96	50907.72	5079.48	1,344.39	197,722.55
May-13	180,369.45	70228.79	6585.98	1,547.58	258,731.80
Jun-13	89,667.12	39082.78	7765.81	1,856.12	138,371.83
Jul-13	104,318.59	46504.69	4627.56	1,313.77	156,764.61
TOTAL	918,915.34	343801.83	43484.28	10,260.73	1,316,462.18

CURRENT YEAR – MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

2012

MONTH/YEAR		SPECIAL	SPEC INT	INTEREST	TOTAL
Feb-13	394,993.90			4,041.87	399,035.77
Mar-13	561,944.39			12,018.69	573,963.08
Apr-13	358,343.27			9,056.25	367,399.52
May-13	275,865.28			6,698.75	282,564.03
Jun-13	1,232,293.13			3,781.43	1,236,074.56
Jul-13	13,974,422.69			8,728.09	13,983,150.78
TOTAL	16,797,862.66	0.00	0.00	44,325.08	16,842,187.74

I would also like to mention that this was my first collection process for the 2nd Half taxes and I would like to commend the staff in the Treasurer's office on a job well done! Their knowledge and patience during probably one of the most stressful times of the year as well as completing their normal everyday tasks during this time exemplifies what public service is all about at La Crosse County.

Reported by Shawn Handland, County Treasurer