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**Memo To: La Crosse County Board of Supervisors**  
**From: Steve O'Malley, County Administrator**  
**Date: January 9, 2014**

**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”**

Joint Meeting of Executive and Administrative Center Study & Downtown Campus Study Committees

A joint meeting of these two committees will be held on Monday January 13, 2014 @ 4:15 in room 3220 of the Administrative Center. The purpose of the meeting is to come to a recommendation on how to proceed with remodeling or replacement of the Administrative Center. All County Board members not on either committee are encouraged to attend if you are able.

Lakeview Campus Design resolution

The resolution to proceed with detail design of the Lakeview campus will be presented to the County Board for consideration, with unanimous support from the Veterans, Aging and Long Term Care; and Executive committees. Staff will have a number of display boards showing the preliminary floor plans in much more detail for the board to review before voting on the resolution. Please stop by early at the meeting so that you can ask questions and consider this next step for the future of Lakeview.

*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 January 2014

### Lakeview Health Center

#### **CBRF on GARLAND ST.**

Construction has begun on the CBRF on Garland St. With the walls and other above ground structural elements being constructed, more excitement about this project has been generated amongst our staff & residents. And we've seen more vehicle activity on Garland St with community members checking on its progress.



In case you haven't made it out to West Salem lately, here's what our old driveway looked like in mid-December.

The management team has begun outreach to start the referral/admission process for this service & will continue to work with area managed care organizations and County agencies throughout the next several months. As this facility is part of our overall plan related to the closure of Applewood – Facility for the Developmentally Disabled (FDD), we have offered this as an option for those residents and will work with their care management teams to determine appropriateness of placement and funding mechanisms.

#### **FDD CLOSURE & RELOCATION PLANNING UPDATE**

As part of the State-facilitated relocation process, each of the current Applewood-FDD residents has enrolled with a Family Care entity. The Relocation Planning team which consists of representatives from each of the Family Care entities, Counties, advocates, provider staff continues to meet regularly to ensure a smooth transition.

#### **LAKEVIEW CAMPUS PLANNING**

The initial design for the first phase is complete. Analysis of resident mix and staffing for this first phase is being conducted at this time as well as development of plans for additional services/facilities. In order to best develop these plans, meetings with the MVHS Human Service Directors and the LaCrosse County Human Services staff have been held. Additional

meetings will be scheduled in January to continue to gather information for the needs assessment. More information about this process will be discussed in January.

### **APPLEWOOD-FDD SURVEY**

The Applewood-FDD had what is expected to be its last annual State survey in November. The survey resulted in three citations related to active treatment requirements & resident hand hygiene. These issues were corrected and the FDD Coordinator will monitor to ensure consistent implementation. The surveyor was very complimentary of staff interactions and the program overall.

I have appreciated the questions related to our campus planning and the services provided at Lakeview and I am always happy to talk with you about these issues. Give me a call, email me, or stop in...

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
*Wanda Plachecki, Administrator*  
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608-786-1400  
*Lakeview Health Center*

### **Aging Department**

- First Transit, Inc. was awarded the contract to provide "Elderly & Disabled Transportation" under s85.21
- Running, Inc. was awarded the contract to provide La Crosse County "Rural Public Transit" the Shared Ride system that services Bangor, Rockland, Town of Holland and links to Onalaska, Holmen, West Salem Shared Ride
- Gifted Hands did well this holiday season (2013) with sales totaling \$12,576 up about \$1000 from the previous year, 2012.
- Two restaurant meal sites have closed. Billy's Lantern & Black Oak Inn. The Aging Unit is looking for replacement sites.
- Sequestration cuts have hit the Aging Unit in 2014 at nearly \$30,000. The recent budget agreement reinstates 41% of these cuts in 2014 but only 15% in 2015. January 15 we should know the actual results but since the turnaround is so short we expect an across the board 41% reinstatement of funds or about \$12,300.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
*Noreen Holmes, Director*

# **MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD**

## **Health & Human Services January 2014**

### **Human Services Department**

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

##### Outreach

County Board Chair Tara Johnson, Judge Ramona Gonzalez, and Jane Klekamp presented to Sauk County on the benefits of a Criminal Justice Management Council. Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils are becoming more popular in the State of Wisconsin as it is often a condition of receiving a criminal justice grant.

##### Training

A number of people including county board representatives, judges, probation agents, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and Justice Sanctions staff attended the Effective Sentencing Practices: From Theory to Reality training. The training was conducted by the Office of State Courts. There are two teams of trainers. Judge Elliott Levine and Jane Klekamp comprise one of the teams. The final (total of eight) training was held in Milwaukee on November 1.

##### OWI Treatment Court

Dr. AJ Myer completed the process and outcome evaluation of the OWI Treatment Court. The report highlighted what the treatment court does well and the areas to improve upon. The OWI Treatment Court team has set a date for a retreat to discuss modifications to the program.

#### **FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SECTION**

##### Department of Children & Families (DCF) Trauma Project

La Crosse County is gaining national attention by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) for our innovative work with DCF and our roll-out of our trauma informed parenting class which includes a mixed group of foster and relative care providers as well as birth parents and social workers. NCTSN developed the curriculum we are using and is interested in our experience and feedback on our successes and challenges in providing the class to birth parents as this has only been done on a limited basis nation-wide.

##### Department of Health Services (DHS) Early Childhood Comprehensive Services

DHS contacted Nancy Pohlman to offer the potential of future participation in a grant funded pilot and training on Infant Mental Health. The pilot would build the capacity of local clinicians to utilize an evidence-based model of intervention related to trauma and infant mental health. Child Parent Psycho-therapy is endorsed by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network and can be utilized by clinicians for children ages 0 – 5. DHS received a three year grant and intends to pilot this in two or three sites across the state beginning in January 2014. Our commitment would be in helping to coordinate with local clinicians/mental health providers and to help coordinate a local kick-off training in the Spring of 2014 regarding Infant Mental Health.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY SERVICES**

##### Collaboration with Viterbo University on New Substance Abuse Service

The Outpatient Clinic has been collaborating with Viterbo University on a new substance abuse service that will be called Recovery Support. Graduate level students will have the opportunity to apply their education in supervised short term goal focused work with consumers struggling with addiction issues. This will increase our service capacity, strengthen ties with a local university, provide valuable experience to future clinicians, and potentially reduce expenses. Significant work in this area has been done over the past few months by Jen Timm (Supervisor) and Bev Trussoni (AODA Social Worker).

#### WKBT – MHRS Success Story

We currently contract with Family & Children’s Center (FCC) for two of our evidence based mental health services (Community Support Program and Supported Employment). On Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> WKBT ran a success story about a consumer who receives both of those services. Not too long ago he was in a state hospital with little hope present in his life; today he is living in the community, is employed at Hobby Lobby, and is feeling optimistic about his future. Amber Kaio is the FCC Supported Employment staff featured in the story that helped him with his search for competitive employment.

### **ECONOMIC SUPPORT**

#### Health Care Coverage

The Certified Application Counselors (CAC) site at La Crosse County is continuing to schedule appointments to assist individuals to apply for health care coverage through the Marketplace.

#### Child Care Pilot

The first quarterly report on the Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA) Child Care pilot was developed for the Secretary of the Department of Children and Families (DCF). A lot has been accomplished through the pilot, which regionalizes Child Care services within the 8 WREA counties. DCF has provided several trainings for staff, enhancements have been made to our program integrity plan for 2014, and a plan has been developed to provide training on the subsidy program to child care providers that accept Wisconsin Shares funds. A pilot evaluation plan will be used in late 2014 to determine whether to expand regionalized Child Care services statewide. The majority of Consortia are supportive of regionalizing services, and would like to move forward to administer Child Care within their existing Consortium models as soon as possible.

*Jason Witt*

*Human Services Director*

## **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.**

- Upgrades of existing software to improve the capacity for billing, tracking staff time by contract area and supporting Laboratory services have been completed.
- About 100 tobacco compliance sales tests were completed in the area with only 6 retailers selling tobacco to youth.
- Approximately 107 communicable disease investigations were conducted for TB, sexually transmitted disease, pertussis and others.

- The Department continues to maintain the WIC caseload of over 2,100 infants, young children and breastfeeding mothers receiving services each month.
- Well over 1,000 influenza immunizations were provided in the community.
- Testing for asbestos in the ambient air in the County Administration Building showed it to continue to be safe.
- Two hundred wells were inspected to assure they were properly located to prevent contamination from septic systems and other sources.
- Consultations were provided to area apartment complexes seeking to go smoke free.
- Transitions to move toward the 2014 budget are underway.

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

- The Health and Human Services Board approved the Health Department 2014-2017 Strategic Plan in preparation for submitting the application to become a nationally accredited local health department in 2014.
- Adopted the Health Department Performance Management Plan
- Adopted the Health Department Workforce Development Plan
- Completed the in the field phase of an audit by State staff of the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Program (sewer system installation)

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

- Continued to support the La Crosse County Heroin and Other Illicit Task Force
- Provided leadership to the Voluntary Organization in Disasters (VOID) group in the La Crosse area
- Coordinated the “Walk to School Day” and the Annual Coulee Region Walk to School Challenge that included 42 class rooms in 20 schools and about 1,500 students.
- Coordinated an “Immunization Symposium” that involved 130 practitioners from area health systems, schools and others
- Exercised components of the La Crosse County mass clinic plan during a flu clinic in Onalaska High School in conjunction with multiple counties and partners.
- Met with the La Crosse area Breastfeeding Coalition to develop the Strategic Plan in conjunction with area health care providers and others.
- Coordinated efforts with other health care providers, health insurers and others to promote participation in the Affordable Care Act insurance coverage for low income persons

Submitted by Doug Mormann, Director

# **MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD**

## **Internal Departments January 2014**

### **County Clerk's Office**

#### **Elections**

After 8 months off from elections, our office is starting to prepare for the 2014 Spring Elections. The "current" scheduled elections are the Spring Primary, Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and the Spring Election, Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Currently we only have the Onalaska School District Referendum for the February Primary which will be held in the City of Onalaska, parts of the Town of Hamilton, Medary, Onalaska and one ward in the City of La Crosse. At this time we do not have more than two candidates for any one County Board Supervisory District. However we still have time for additional nomination papers to be turned in. If more than two candidates file for the same Supervisory District, that district will also appear on the February Primary ballot. The deadline to file the necessary paperwork and nomination papers to have your name appear on the spring ballot is 5pm on January 7, 2014. All 29 County Board Supervisory Districts will appear on the Spring Ballot.

#### **Dog Licenses**

The 2013 dog tags expired December 31, 2013, and the 2014 dog tags may now be purchased at the dog owner's municipality until April 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost of the 2014 dog tags did not increase. If dog owners do not purchase their dog tag(s) by April 1<sup>st</sup>, then they will be required to purchase the tags at the County Clerk's Office and pay a late fee of \$25.00.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk