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Memo To: La Crosse County Board of Supervisors
From: Steve O'Malley, County Administrator
Date: January 13, 2016

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”

January 17, 2016 County Board Meeting

We hope that the Board found the report at the January 11, 2016 Planning Meeting on the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system helpful. The resolution considering approval of funding will be considered at the January regular meeting of the Board.

*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

Health & Human Services January 2016

Human Services Department

INTEGRATED SUPPORT & RECOVERY SERVICES (ISRS)

Birth to 3 Program Involvement in 2015 Three Wishes Program

The La Crosse County Birth to 3 Program is delivered via contract with Coulee Children's Center and The Parenting Place. The program has been chosen as one of ten finalists in the Three Wishes Program sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters and the La Crosse Tribune. Each day at the beginning of December, there is a cover story about a Three Wishes candidate and then folks vote on which three should be funded.

The La Crosse County Birth to 3 Three Wishes entry is for money for basic developmental toys for families (stacking blocks for instance), supports that help a family engage and connect with their community (bus passes, children's museum passes, etc.), or other things that a family needs to achieve their Birth to 3 goals.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S

Trauma Informed Care

La Crosse County was well represented at the Child Welfare and the Courts semi-annual conference that was held in Wisconsin Dells 9/29/15 – 10/1/15. The theme of the conference was implementation of trauma informed care. Judge Gonzalez, Judge Doyle, attorneys, local providers, County Corporation Counsel, Child Protective Services and Juvenile Justice Supervisors as well as the Family & Children's Section Manager and Human Services Director participated in county specific discussions and planning sessions. Judge Gonzalez indicated she would be taking the lead in scheduling ongoing follow-up meetings.

Post Reunification Reapplication

La Crosse County has been approved for year three participation in the Post Reunification Services program through the Department of Children and Families. We have been approved for up to 30 slots for enrollment of eligible children who are being reunified with their family.

ECONOMIC SUPPORT

Income Maintenance (IM) Operational Analysis Report

The Department of Health Services (DHS) contracted with Deloitte to conduct an analysis of the current state of IM administration in Wisconsin. The scope of the analysis included the 10 IM Consortia and MiES. In addition to studying each consortium's current operations, the report provides a summary of IM administration in other states. While the report is a point-in-time look at IM Consortia operations, several best practices were identified and discussed within the report.

Wisconsin Shares Child Care Assistance Program Funding for 2016

Due to an increase in families receiving Child Care Assistance across the eight Consortium Counties, Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA) will receive an additional \$80,000 in funding for the administration of the Child Care Assistance program in 2016. This is in addition to funding the Department of Children & Families (DCF) will provide to support the Parent Pay Coordinator for the pilot WREA will participate in with DCF in 2016.

Fraud Prevention & Investigation Program (FPIP) Funding

Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA) received an additional \$17,045 in Income Maintenance (IM) Fraud Prevention & Investigation Program (FPIP) funding for 2015, reflecting the statewide workload that exists to establish overpayments. For 2016, WREA will also receive additional FPIP funding as a result of increased funding approved in the State budget for 2016. The Department of Health Services (DHS) hasn't released the 2016 allocation amounts yet. Based on an estimate of the additional funding, and the workload needs of WREA's Benefit Recovery team, WREA will add an ES Specialist to its FPI and Benefit Recovery team for 2016.

COMMUNITY ACCESS & RESOURCES SECTION

La Crosse Area Family Collaborative Update

All staff for this program have now been hired; locations are identified and being made ready in the north and south side neighborhoods. A roll-out event occurred in October to formally announce the readiness.

Music and Memory Initiative

The ADRC has been asked to partner on a regional project that will occur in Tomah, Black River Falls and La Crosse nursing homes. The project is called Music and Memory; it brings recording devices to nursing home clients to engage them through music. The program will be seeking high school volunteers to assist in programming the devices/work with residents.

Tai Chi Initiative

The Aging Unit and ADRC will be working together in 2016 on a grant that was received to introduce Tai Chi to community members who are at risk of falls in order to provide strengthening opportunities. This program grants were awarded to Milwaukee, Dane and La Crosse Counties.

JUSTICE SUPPORT SERVICES

Wisconsin Treatment Court Standards Training

In October a two-day Treatment Court Standards Training was facilitated by the Department of Justice. The OWI and Drug Treatment Court teams attended. Eight performance measures based on the standards were identified by each Treatment Court. Follow-up meetings are in the planning stages.

Jason Witt

Director of Human Services

Health Department

Mission: “ Protect, Promote and Improve the Health of all People to Enhance the Quality of Life”

Goal #1 – Prioritize the work we do

1. Health educator participated in a statewide workgroup on smoke-free multi-unit housing to plan for the HUD policy announcement.
2. Mumps Outbreak: shared state weekly surveillance and guidance updates with our healthcare providers; there have been a total of 42 confirmed cases of mumps in Wisconsin in 2015, the majority of them linked to a university setting including: UW Whitewater, UW Platteville and UW Milwaukee. No cases to date in La Crosse County.
3. Seventy-three customer satisfaction surveys were received and reviewed. Overall the feedback was positive.
4. Tobacco compliance checks occurred in Trempealeau and Buffalo County along with media outreach in Jackson, Trempealeau and Vernon counties.
5. Ovi-position (mosquito) trap production remained high in La Crosse and contracted counties.

Goal #2 – Ensure a competent, trusted committed and motivated workforce

1. Internships were provided to 24 college students in 2015.
2. Health Education staff planned and implemented an expansion of the Get Active/La Crosse website to highlight the preventive health programming available through the Department. Visit www.getactive/lacrosse
3. Three nurses attended the annual Maternal Child Health/Keeping Kids Alive Conference in Madison.
4. Two nurses attended the annual Tuberculosis Training and Conference in Rochester.
5. Dietitians attended a training sponsored by the WIC Association titled, “When Obesity Becomes the Norm, What Do We Do?”
6. Successfully recruited a replacement for the vacant half-time clerical position.
7. Cultural Competency Training was held on November 3, 2015 with 97% of staff in attendance.
8. Health Educator presented at the regional Legislative Meeting at UWL on “Community Effects of Prescription Drugs.”

Goal #3 – Balance fiscal responsibility with innovative funding

1. Safe Routes to School Health Education staff awarded the “Golden Shoe” award for International Walk to School Day participation to Northern Hills School in Onalaska and Christ St. John’s School in West Salem.
2. Researched equipment vendors for Atomic Absorption (AA) to be used in the Center for Disease Control water grant.
3. The 2015 Fit Families year was completed and a total of 191 children (age 2-4-years) participated, meeting the target goal of 100 families. Reports showed participants increased fruit and vegetable intake and physical activity while decreasing television/screen time.
4. Biodiversity Educator enlisted Bluff County Master Gardner volunteers to assist with the Urban Tree presentations. They also agreed to assist with future presentations.
5. Two community-wide Point of Dispensing (POD) clinics were exercised as part of the Public Health Emergency Planning Program; one was held in West Salem and the second in Bangor.

6. The Department of Justice Rx Drug Take Back Day collected 683 lbs. of prescription drugs between May and October 2015. This includes medications collected at the Prescription Drop Boxes at area law enforcement agencies.

Goal #4 – Participate in, lead and build effective community partnerships

1. Health Education staff worked with Public Health Nursing to hold a Hmong Elders Health Fair – 28 elders received cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure screening. Influenza and Tdap vaccines were given to 23 persons.
2. CARING clinics were held 8 days in November at the Salvation Army Shelter; clinics are held in collaboration with Viterbo School of Nursing with support from the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.
3. PHN collaborated with the La Crosse Police Department and Logan High School students to offer a Distracted Teen Driving Awareness Event.
4. The Healthy Holiday Community Challenge began on November 16, 2015. A total of 440 people enrolled (166 are County employees).
5. Director attended the Western WALHDAB Health Officer meeting.
6. Staff participated in the WALHDAB, WEHA and WPHA legislative meeting held at UW-L.
7. Results from the law enforcement deployments related to the Traffic Safety Taskforce: 44 citations, 82 warnings and 4 distracted driving warnings.
8. Environmental Health presented to Town of Shelby Board regarding metals contamination Tunnel City Aquifer.
9. Laboratory started testing for the drug K2 for Human Services Justice Support Services (JSS).

*Respectfully submitted,
Jim Steinhoff
Interim Health Director*

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Internal Departments January 2016

Finance Department

The month of January will be very busy with the preparation of W-2s and 1099's. Also, the closeout of the 2015 year begins as we have new auditors (Baker Tilly). We are looking forward to the opportunity to work with the new firm.

Finance, Personnel and Information Technology continue working on the purchase and implementation of an ERP (enterprise resource planning system). Over the next 2-3 years, the implementation of the new ERP system will occur, replacing our current financial, human resource and payroll systems.

Please see a copy of the attached "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" that we just received for the 2014 CAFR. This is the tenth year that La Crosse County has received this award. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the county must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. The report must satisfy both Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and applicable legal requirements. The Certificate is only applicable for one year. Each year the Finance staff strive to maintain and achieve this high honor and submit the CAFR to the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) award program.

We have also just received the "Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting" from the GFOA for the 2014 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). The PAFR summarizes and explains the information contained in the CAFR for the last fiscal year, along with other information on the County's finances, in easily understood terms. The PAFR represents the ongoing commitment of county officials to keep the citizens informed about county finances, and to be accountable in all respects for the receipt and expenditure of public funds. Thanks to Jonathan Edwards for all of his hard work in preparing this report.

The CAFR and PAFR can be found on the County website:
<http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/finance/Docs/Reports.htm>

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon R Davidson, CPA

County Clerk's Office

ELECTIONS

- **February Primary:** The filing deadline for candidates for the Spring Elections was Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 5:00 PM. There will definitely be a February Primary

Election for the entire La Crosse County with three candidates filing papers for the Justice of the Supreme Court contest. Also on the ballot will be a primary for County Board Supervisory District 14 (wards 2-6 in the Town of Campbell) and District 21 (parts of the Village of Holmen and Town of Onalaska). Along with primaries for the Bangor and Holmen School District and a referendum question for the Bangor School District. There will be 11 contested races for County Board on the April ballot. Ballots and supplies are scheduled to be to the Municipal Clerks on January 25, 2016 in time for mailing out absentee ballots on January 26. In-person absentee voting begins February 1st and the Primary Election will be held on February 16, 2016.

- Voter ID will be in place for all elections this year. More information on voter ID and what will be acceptable is posted on the County Clerk website. Training will be provided for all poll workers and municipal clerks on the voter ID law and a refresher on elections in general since its been several months since our last election.

MARRIAGE LICENSES and Domestic Partnerships

- In 2015 we issued the following: 715 Marriage Licenses, 5 Waivers, 2 Reissues, 0 Domestic Partnership Declarations and 3 Terminations.

COUNTY CLERK REVENUES FOR 2015 (Per Finance 12/18/15)

Marriage Licenses	\$31,485.00
Domestic Partnerships & Terminations	130.00
Dogs - Late Tag Sales.....	12,437.50
Wisconsin DNR (including boats, ATV, snowmobile reg.) & Iowa DNR	369.55
Timber Cutting Permits, Parade Permits, Copies, Misc.	1180.00
Directory Book Sales (does not include Inter-Departmental sales).....	323.23

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk*