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Memo To: La Crosse County Board of Supervisors
From: Steve O'Malley, County Administrator
Date: November 7, 2017

Re: November Monthly Report to the County Board

Attached is the November 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 should 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
Veterans, Aging & Long Term Care
County Clerk, Finance, IT,
Personnel, Treasurer

"OF INTEREST"

County Board Special Planning Meeting Monday November 20, 2017 6:00 pm

Reminder: The November Planning meeting has been moved to Monday November 20, 2017 at 6:00pm to Order the Special Election for the County Treasurer.

It will be a short meeting with a few other agenda items (to be determined), but we need to have a quorum to adopt the necessary resolution as prescribed by the election guidelines.

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Aging & Long Term Care November 2017

Lakeview Health Center & Assisted Living

Licensed Bed/Census Update

Census on November 1, 2017 for the Lakeview campus is:

- Lakeview Health Center
 - Census: 50
 - Licensed Beds 50
- Ravenwood
 - Census: 7
 - Licensed Beds: 10
- Maplewood
 - Census: 14
 - Licensed Beds: 15
- Neshonoc Manor
 - Census: 12
 - Licensed Beds: 15
- Monarch Manor
 - Census: 8
 - Licensed Beds: 8
- Regent Manor
 - Census: 4
 - Licensed Beds: 4

Census for all Lakeview services is consistent with what was anticipated. More turnover is experienced in the assisted living as clients stabilize and move to a less restricted setting. Low resident turnover occurs in the nursing home setting. Our primary referral sources continue to be the Managed Care Organizations, hospitals, and County Human Services.

Hillview Health Care Center & Assisted Living Campus

Licensed Bed/Census Update

Census on November 1, 2017 for the Hillview campus is

- Hillview Health Care Center
 - Census: 167
 - Licensed Beds: 181
- Carroll Heights

- Census: 54 (1 move-in pending)
- Licensed Beds: 55
- Hillview Terrace
 - Census: 28 (2 scheduled for 12/1)
 - Licensed Beds: 30

Census for the assisted living and independent apartments remains high with low resident turnover. With Hillview Health Care Center's high number of short term rehabilitation stays, their resident turnover is more rapid. With shorter stays, the recent trend in census for Hillview Health Care Center has seen a small decline. Census is actively monitored with the goal of rightsizing to balance bed availability with efficient operations. Overall, licensed beds have been adjusted from 199 to 184 to the most recent adjustment of 181. Additional licensed bed reductions may occur, as needed, to accomplish this balance.

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MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Health & Human Services November 2017

Human Services Department

AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC)

Advisory Committee Update

With the integration of the Aging Unit as well as recent transition of the ADRC to a single county model, we have assembled an ADRC of La Crosse County Advisory Committee. This eight-member committee meets every first Monday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Our first meeting was held October 2, 2017.

2017-19 State Budget Update

The 2017-19 state budget will positively impact older adults and individuals with disabilities in a number of ways. Items of interest include:

- 1) Ongoing funding for the Dementia Care Specialist program which includes expansion in FY 2019;
- 2) Funding for two new Ombudsman positions to provide advocacy services to people age 60 and older and receiving services through IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-direct);
- 3) Changes to the Medical Assistance Purchase Plan (MAPP) and Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD) Medically-Needy Medicaid (MA) programs to expand income and asset eligibility and allow more working individuals with disabilities to get needed health coverage;
- 4) \$50,000 each year for the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at the University of Wisconsin;
- 5) 2% rate increase for Medicaid personal care (MAPC); and
- 6) 2% increase for specialized transportation assistance for counties.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S (FC)

Child Protective Services Peer Mentor

The Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS) section applied for grant funding from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to increase access to treatment services for opioid abuse. La Crosse County was one of the counties selected for grant funding and was awarded \$99,695 to utilize from September 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. Part of the funding is being designated toward a part-time Parent Peer Mentor/Specialist/Coach that would work closely with Child Protective Services (CPS) and Juvenile Justice (JJ) Services. The primary goal is to connect with parents who have opioid related issues to help them successfully navigate CPS and JJ systems while also providing support, treatment readiness assessment/service connection, etc. The hope/intent is to increase family engagement with county services and reduce out-of-home care for children by keeping them safe and home with families who are successfully addressing opioid related issues.

Foster Care Task Force Hearing

On September 28, 2017, the Speaker's Task Force on Foster Care held a public hearing in La Crosse. It was our opportunity to advocate not only for the foster care system, but also the Child Welfare system as a whole. We were able to educate the legislators about the state of crisis that the Child Welfare system is currently experiencing regarding increased

children in out-of-home care along with the turnover, high caseloads, increased mandates and secondary trauma with regard to the front line CPS workers. We appreciated the opportunity this provided and are hopeful that our recommendations will be used to create new legislation that addresses the issues.

INTEGRATED SUPPORT & RECOVERY SERVICES (ISRS)

Children's Long Term Support Program Expansion

The approved state budget includes the elimination of at least the current wait list for Children's Long Term Support services. The state is slated to cover the cost of expansion without additional county contribution. As of October, La Crosse has begun expansion and will add 10-15 additional children with special needs to services each month through the end of 2018. Approximately 180 additional children will be served (currently serving approximately 150).

JUSTICE SUPPORT SERVICES (JSS)

Department of Justice Grant Award

A Department of Justice grant in the amount of \$8,000 was awarded to La Crosse County for further training in the area of Disproportionate Minority Contact across systems provided by the Perception Institute.

Federal Second Chance Act Reentry Program Grant Award

La Crosse County was awarded \$650,000 through the federal Second Chance Act Reentry Program for Adults with Co-Occurring Substance Use and Mental Disorders. This 3-year project, entitled "Fresh Start" will focus on filling the gaps of reentry services within the community to better transition clients who suffer from substance abuse and mental health disorders more successfully from the jail back into their community.

Federal Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Award

La Crosse County Drug Treatment Court was awarded a federal Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant in the amount of \$280,000 to have an evaluation conducted by the National Center for State Courts. Ensuring our treatment courts run at peak capacity, utilizing evidence-based practices and adhering to treatment court standards is key to continuing to run a model program.

Pretrial Pilot Project

As one of the EBDM (Evidence-Based Decision Making) counties in Wisconsin, La Crosse is participating in a Pretrial Pilot project which looks to standardize the way in which pretrial services exist within the State of Wisconsin.

Jason Witt
Director of Human Services

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Internal Departments November 2017

County Clerk's Office

Dog Licenses

On August 9, 2017, Judge Doyle found 70 owners with 87 dogs guilty by default for failure to license their dogs and/or provide proof of rabies. So far this year, the County Clerk's office has sold approximately 1250 late dog tags over the counter for revenues of \$20,551.

Our office is preparing to distribute the 2018 dog invoices and tags to each of the municipal treasurers by the end of November so they can begin selling dog tags in December. Dog owners have until April 1st to purchase a 2018 dog tag without paying the \$25 late fee. Does this mean you have until April 1st to buy your dog tag?...not exactly. Wisconsin State Statutes states that all dog owners must purchase a dog tag by January 1st of each year. La Crosse County gives a grace period until April 1st, at which time the late fee is assessed. If animal control is called and your dog is found to not have a license before April 1st, you may be cited for failure to license your dog. The fees for dog licenses has also gone up. A spayed or neutered dog will now be \$12 to license and an unaltered dog will be \$23.

Marriage Licenses

We continue to be in our busy time of year for issuing marriage licenses. We have sold 667 licenses this year for revenues of \$30,375. The new online SVRIS (Statewide Vital Records Information System) has been great to work with. All marriage license records can now be purchased in any Register of Deeds office in the State. Prior to SVRIS, you needed to get that record from the County where it was filed.

Elections

Many local offices will be on the ballot for the Spring 2018 Election including all 29 County Board Supervisors. December 1st will be the first date to circulate papers for those offices with a deadline of turning them in by 5pm on January 2, 2018. The County Board Supervisors will meet on November 20, 2017 to call a Special Election to coincide with the Spring 2018 Election cycle for the County Treasurer.

Our office continues to work with municipal clerks and poll workers to keep them up to date on current elections laws and changes. We will provide training to the clerks and poll workers before the 2018 elections.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk*

Finance Department

2017 has continued to be a very busy year for Finance. We just celebrated our one year anniversary on November 1st with our "go-live" with Tyler New World Systems (NWS) for our general ledger package. Next week we will be going live on the payroll system with the Hillview-Lakeview payroll On November 17th, and the "Gen" payroll the following week on

November 24th. This project has truly been a team effort between Information Technology, Human Resources and Finance. Our team has worked many extra hours throughout the past several months in implementing NWS payroll, which replaces the Highline system that has been in place since 1999. I can't begin to express my thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to make this day a reality. The ERP project will continue into 2018 with the implementation of the Kronos timekeeping project, which will eliminate most of the paper timesheets, and having paystubs being accessed on-line instead of having to print and stuff envelopes each week.

Lanae Nickelotti has recently taken the position of Deputy Finance Director, and will take on the duties of the Human Services Financial Manager, but will continue to work closely with Finance in the preparation of the CAFR. We are currently taking applications to replace her vacancy with a Senior Accountant. We hope to have someone on board by the end of the year.

The budget preparation has truly been a challenge again this year. The final housekeeping changes are completed and the document is ready for the final County Board approval on November 14th. I would like to thank Renee Nugent for all of her hard work in putting the budget book together, and keeping all of the documents organized, but especially for always having such a positive attitude when dealing with questions from all departments.

We look forward to another year end, and starting the preparation for the auditors in January with their preliminary visit.

Respectfully submitted,
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