

LA CROSSE COUNTY W-2 COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

La Crosse County Human Services Administrative Conference Room

7:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jackie Helgeson, Beverly Mach, Tom Miller, Vicki Truscott-Tridle, Lindsey Swartz, Nancy Wagner, Jodi Widuch

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Paula Egge

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Ellen Prinsen, Richard Sage, Peter Thao, Sean Young

OTHERS PRESENT: Dick Mial, Nancy Gardner

CALL TO ORDER

Vicki Truscott-Tridle, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Vicki Truscott-Tridle to approve August 18, 2009 Committee minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCED

Dick Mial, La Crosse Tribune, was introduced.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Vicki Truscott-Tridle announced that she would not be available as chairperson or committee representative after this meeting. Jodi Widuch was asked if she would be willing to chair the committee. Jodi will consider this. Selecting a chairperson will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Vicki recommended that legislators need to be contacted regarding insurance coverage. She stated she is seeing more families with two incomes, working full-time and struggling financially.

RESOURCE INFORMATION TO PUBLIC—WHAT'S AVAILABLE THROUGH ECONOMIC SUPPORT

Tom Miller distributed a handout explaining programs available through Economic Support and a brief description of the programs. This list is available to customers applying for benefits to help them in filling out the application form.

The current W2 Contract ends in December. La Crosse County Economic Support was

awarded the contract for the next two years.

Dick Mial, La Crosse Tribune, was present and asked questions in regard to the W2 Program.

Bev Mach reiterated from the Poverty Task Force meeting different ways to promote getting information to the public on resources available.

Jackie Helgeson updated the committee on services available to help veterans and low income students with testing and enrollment fees.

Jodi Widuch talked about a program not implemented yet to rate child care environments.

Lindsey Swartz mentioned a new program approved by the County Board to be announced in a press release mid December. This will involve a RX Discount Card to help with medications insurance does not cover.

BADGER CARE PLUS CORE PROGRAM UPDATE

Tom also updated the committee on the Badger Care Plus Core Program. La Crosse County continues to assist the State in processing applications. La Crosse County has installed a phone line and computer in Economic Support for customers to assist them in applying for the Badger Care Plus Core Program. Wait times via phone application can be hours long. There is currently a waiting list for the Badger Care Plus Core Program.

Determination of eligibility for the Core Program after application is slow. Problem being that there are few with credentials to authorize approval.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Approval of November 17, 2007 Meeting Minutes
Selection of Chairperson
Public Input

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 7:45 a.m. at Lunda Center.

The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next committee meeting.

The November 17, 2009 minutes were approved with the exception of changing the date in AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING...."Approval of November 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes" instead of 2007.

Amended February 16, 2010
Nancy Gardner, Recorder