

LA CROSSE COUNTY W-2 COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

La Crosse County Human Services Administrative Conference Room

7:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maureen Funk, Beverly Mach, Tom Miller, Lindsey Swartz, Peter Thao,
Jodi Widuch

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jackie Helgeson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Sage, Nancy Wagner, Sean Young

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Huber, Nancy Gardner, Lorie Graff

CALL TO ORDER

Jodi Widuch, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve February 16, 2010 Committee minutes. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None

UPDATE OF CHILD CARE RATING SYSTEM/YOUNGSTAR

The proposal for a Child Care Rating System in Wisconsin did not make the Joint Finance's agenda before it closed session, so there was no action on the proposal.

COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK SITES

Tom Miller updated the committee on additional work sites for W2. Service Master is interested in participating. Goodwill continues to be a good resource. The Goodwill Onalaska expansion site should be a good source of addition work sites. The program is always looking for variety in work sites.

W2 Update

Lorie Graff updated the committee in regard to changes in the W2 Program. Our program ran out of funds the first two months. DCF has added additional funding for W2 for 2010 (\$27,000,000) and 2011 (\$35,000,000). La Crosse County will be adding two additional W2 staff to help in job search and job development.

Beverly Mach mentioned the benefit of one-on-one experience at the job site.

Lorie Graff informed the committee of a Poverty Task Force Meeting on Friday, May 28, 2010 to discuss the future of that committee and perhaps combining several groups. The meeting will be held in the Administration Building, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

La Crosse County submitted a proposal for Shared Services which was approved. Our Change Reporting Center will be making changes for the counties of Buffalo, Clark, Jackson, Monroe, Pepin, and Vernon. La Crosse County is in the process of hiring four new personnel to staff the Shared Services Program. Shared Services hopefully targeted for start-up the middle of June or July 1st at the latest.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Approval of May 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes
Chairperson's Report
Update on Shared Services
Outcome of the Poverty Task Force Meeting in May
Public Input
Agenda for Next Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 7:45 a.m. at La Crosse County Human Services, Administrative Conference Room.

The above minutes were approved at the August 17 meeting with the addition of the following for clarification of the Child Care Rating System/Youngstar: The proposal for a Child Care Rating System in Wisconsin did not make Joint Finance's agenda before it closed session so there was no action on the proposal.

Nancy Gardner, Recorder