

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Monday, June 7, 2010  
County Administrative Center, Room 3220  
11:30 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Brockmiller, Bridget Flood, John Medinger, Don Meyer

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Sharon Hampson, Monica Kruse, Roger Plesha

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Hannah Huffman, Doug Mormann, Mary Ellen Prinsen

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Bill Brockmiller called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2010**

**MOTION** by Flood/Medinger to approve the Minutes of March 8, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson, Kruse, Plesha excused.

### **ROUNDTABLE ON ISSUES AND GOALS FOR THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Chair Brockmiller called for ideas on future topics. Supervisor Medinger suggested meeting with local legislators in December, 2010, prior to the new legislature convening. Supervisor Flood said that it's important to remind legislators with each communication of the number of people that County Supervisors represent. Supervisor Brockmiller will solicit initiatives from other County Supervisors at the next County Board meeting.

### **RESOLUTION RE: FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH BY THE STATE OF WISCONSIN**

The Resolution states that there is currently no state financial support to reimburse local health departments for state mandated programs for communicable disease prevention and control, and encourages local legislators to provide funding for a portion of costs related to carrying out programs mandated by Wis. Stat. s. 252.03, and requests that the Wisconsin Counties Association add the resolution to its legislative platform. Doug Mormann stated that per year there are approximately 700 referrals of one of the approximately 70 communicable diseases that the Health Department must determine how the individual was exposed and how to prevent further transmission. **MOTION** by Flood/Medinger to approve the Resolution Re: Financial Support of Local Public Health by the State of Wisconsin. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson, Kruse, Plesha excused.

### **REVIEW OF PROPOSED WCA 2010 CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

Steve O'Malley reviewed the Resolutions that will go through standing committees and County Board for referral to the WCA Platform Committee:

- Age of juvenile court jurisdiction (Health & Human Services)

The Resolution calls for retaining 17 year old criminal defendants in the juvenile court system, and also calls for an analysis of the costs of retaining them. Discussion was held regarding the need for not waiving individuals under age 18 into adult jurisdiction regardless of cost.

Supervisor Medinger indicated that he is likely to offer an amendment to delete the first resolved clause. **MOTION** by Flood/Medinger to approve the Resolution Re: Age of Juvenile Court Jurisdiction. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson, Kruse, Plesha excused.

- Child & family services review planning and follow up (Health & Human Services)

The Resolution calls for a study regarding funding of child welfare. Mary Ellen Prinsen reported that the State of Wisconsin recently failed a Child & Family Services Review of compliance with

federal child safety and permanency standards, and that it will be difficult to come into compliance without funding for program improvement. **MOTION** by Medinger/Meyer to approve the Resolution Re: Child & Family Services Review Planning and Follow Up. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson, Kruse, Plesha excused.

- Financial support of local public health by the state of Wisconsin (Health & Human Services)

Discussion and motion noted previously.

- Support for correcting the disparate impact on some Wisconsin counties of the tax rate limit at a time of declining property values (Executive)

The Resolution identifies the conflict between the 3% "levy freeze cap" and the "tax levy rate limit". In a time of declining property values, some Counties including La Crosse could reach the "tax rate limit" and be unable to consider a 3% operating levy increase permitted of all Counties, regardless of relative spending levels. The resolution proposes compromise language that would allow all counties the option of at least the 3% increase, and not force the issue to a referendum if declining values raise the county tax rate to the 1992 cap. **MOTION** by Medinger/Flood to approve the Resolution Re: Support for Correcting the Disparate Impact on Some Wisconsin Counties of the Tax Rate Limit at a time of Declining Property Values. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson, Kruse, Plesha excused

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Meeting date and time

Role and goals of Legislative Committee

### **NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

Next meeting date to be determined; time to be 11:30 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Brockmiller/Meyer to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson, Kruse, Plesha excused. The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

**Approved,** August 9, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder