

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Administrative Center – Room 3220

6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Hampson, Jill Billings, Bill Brockmiller, Tammy Gamroth, James Glasser, Loren Kannenberg, David Trapp, Margaret Wood

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Brad Konkel

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Jerry Huber, Doug Mormann, Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Sara Koopman, Dean Ruppert, Catherine Kolkmeier, Kristine Buehler, Peggy Mahlum, Lorie Graff, Jane Klekamp, Zhai GuanJun, Jing Sun, Mary Ellen Prinsen, Pat Killeen

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sharon Hampson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February County Board Action

The County Board passed the extension of the H1N1 declaration.

Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

Jill Billings reported that she, Margaret Wood, Sharon Hampson, Jerry Huber, and Pam Semb attended Human Services Day in the Capital, and spoke with area legislators about juvenile court jurisdiction, county home multi-county collaboration (e.g. MVHS), human services financing, and use of federal stimulus funds. Sharon Hampson cited upcoming events and articles regarding raw milk legislation.

Public Health Week April 5-10, 2010

The Health Department will promote a low-cost water test. On April 6, 2010, there will be a simulcast with the Madison-Dane County Public Health Department about infant mortality. Doug Mormann distributed information about national activities.

NALBOH Membership

On April 8, 2010, there will be a webcast panel discussion on food safety and nutrition.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April

Jerry Huber stated that on March 31, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., the proclamation will be read. There will be a conference on May 17-19, 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

RESOLUTIONS

Support Healthiest County 2015 – La Crosse Community Health Improvement Plan

The Resolution calls for staff from many departments to focus resources toward enabling La Crosse County to have the healthiest population in Wisconsin by 2015. The requirements for classification as a Level III health department include a community health needs assessment, community health improvement plan, and a five-year plan focusing on implementing the community health plan. Catherine Kolkmeier and Doug Mormann answered questions about the strategic five-year plan and funding sources. Kolkmeier reported that the Health Sciences Consortium provides coordination.

MOTION by Brockmiller/Wood to approve the Resolution Re: Support Healthiest County 2015-La Crosse Community Health Improvement Plan. **Motion carried unanimously.** Konkel excused.

BOARD EDUCATION

Policy, Practice, People of Children's Long Term Support Waivers

The Children's Waiver program provides services in the areas of developmental disability, physical disability, and mental health. Kristine Buehler, who directs the program, introduced Peggy Mahlum, the mother of two autistic sons. Mahlum reported that her older son is doing well; the younger son receives Children's Waivers services. She spoke about the programming, including respite care, horse therapy, counseling, and crisis intervention. She answered questions about the school system and individualized education. She stated that having a social worker to coordinate services

is essential and that without Children's Waivers services, her son would not be able to stay in their home.

POLICY ISSUES

Health Dept. 2011-2015 Strategic Plan

An updated draft of a Mission, Vision and Goals strategic plan was provided. Doug Mormann spoke about the editions that were made. Jing Sun researched other county plans. The next step is to come back to the committee with objectives under each goal to translate into specific activities. Committee consensus was that the plan is heading in the right direction.

W-2 Emergency Funds

Lorie Graff spoke about W-2 emergency funds, which may be used for emergency payments to new economic support applicants who have been determined eligible, but who have to wait up to two months to receive their first payment. W-2 emergency payment requests are used for food and housing, and have increased as applications have increased. Graff stated that almost half of what was budgeted for 2010 has already been spent. Sara Koopman reported that W-2 reserves equal \$600,000. Discussion was held regarding options for transferring money within the Economic Support budget, and how the state transfers funds among counties. Jerry Huber emphasized that even if they use reserves, they will continue to pressure the State for funding. He will report back to committee after discussions with the Finance Department. **MOTION** by Kannenberg/Brockmiller to encourage use of reserve funds for W-2 emergency payments. **Motion carried unanimously.** Konkel excused.

Utilizing Limited Term Employees to Reduce the Use of MEMS Units

Jane Klekamp spoke about a staff proposal for cost savings, which would replace electronic monitoring devices with limited term employees to staff Chemical Health & Justice Sanctions on weekend evenings. Rather than use MEMS units at home, clients would have their alcohol testing done by staff. For a period of three months, the office would remain open from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. If successful, the Department would look at permanent options. The cost analysis follows:

50 MEMS Units	\$5.75 per unit per day X 90 days	\$25,875
2 LTE Positions	\$14.74/hr. X 3 hrs. X 26 days	\$2,299
Estimated Savings		\$23,576

MOTION by Trapp/Glasser to approve two LTE Positions for 26 days. **Motion carried unanimously.** Konkel excused.

Women's Community Based Program

Jane Klekamp reported that the Women's Community Based Program is not consistently utilized at capacity. The number of residents range from five to nine, and the YWCA contract is for a capacity of 10 residents. Klekamp spoke about accepting women who are not currently in the justice system, but need extra support and structure. She recommended the following guidelines:

1. Priority given to incarcerated or sentenced women, even if it means a non-correctional client will be asked to leave;
2. Women referred to WCBP by other sections or agencies must have a criminal record;
3. Maximum stay will be four months;
4. Women referred by the Family and Children's Section would be those who are working to have their children reunited with them.

Discussion was held about programming options that would blend a mixed population, and reasons for the low census, including cash bonds that prevent jail inmates from utilizing the WCBP. **MOTION** by Billings/Glasser to approve expanded utilization of the Women's Community Based Program for Family and Children mothers who meet all the criteria, with a report in four months. **Motion carried unanimously.** Konkel excused.

Impact of the Recession on the Demand for Human Services

Jerry Huber provided statistics on increased demand for human services. He reported a significant increase in client contacts in Mental Health Recovery Services. In Economic Support, caseload for workers handling families increased by 150 cases between January and December, 2009; cases involving elderly and disabled clients increased by 271 for the same period. The Aging & Disability Resource Center call center for four counties increased from 835 calls/477 referrals in 2008 to 1,142 calls/751 referrals in 2009. In Family & Children's, delinquencies and referrals decreased, but sexual assault offenses and youth with mental health concerns increased. Child Protective Services referrals have increased.

2010 Objectives for Human Services Department

Jerry Huber distributed the 2010 Goals/Objectives, broken down under five goals:

- Focus on customer/member center services which are evidence based to provide the best outcomes for our customers and monitor quality of services.
- Work in collaboration with contracted agencies, customers, other county departments, and the community.
- Monitor budgets through data reporting on both revenues and expenditures and make needed adjustments throughout the year to stay within budget guidelines.
- Study the structure and "flow" of services offered by the Department to determine effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery.
- Make the best use of technology to improve efficiencies and customer service.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Health Department Written Director's Report

Human Services Written Director's Report

MOTION by Glasser/Wood to receive and file the Directors' reports as provided by the Health Director and Human Services Director. **Motion carried unanimously.** Konkel excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Billings/Kannenberg to receive and file the following consent Agenda items. **Motion carried unanimously.** Konkel excused.

Minutes

Health and Human Services Board 2/2/10

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Coordinating Committee 2/5/10

Criminal Justice Executive Committee 1/13/10

Criminal Justice Management Council 1/20/10

Family Policy Board 1/28/10

Labor/Management 1/26/10

Coulee Region Childhood Obesity Coalition 2/9/10

Dental Care Advocacy Committee 2/22/10

Fiscal

2009 Human Services Vendor Contracts

2010 Human Services Vendor Contracts (still in negotiation)

Human Services Vendor Contract Increases Exceeding 2%

Discussion was held regarding increased costs of contracted services and the need for agencies to keep up with inflation and operational costs.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Update on Women's Community Based Program

Planning for Public Health Month in 2011

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Brockmiller/Billings to adjourn to the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.** Konkel excused. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved, April 13, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder