

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Administrative Center – Room 3220

6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Hampson, Jill Billings, Bill Brockmiller, Loren Kannenberg, Monica Kruse, David Trapp, Margaret Wood

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bill Feehan, James Glasser

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Jerry Huber, Al Graewin, Margaret Norden, Max Cabbage, Mary Ellen Prinsen, Nancy Pohlman, Penny Anderson, Lori Fanello, Sara Koopman, Dean Ruppert, Pat Killeen, Jane Klekamp

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hampson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April County Board Action

Resolutions on shared services and ARRA funds for obesity prevention passed in County Board.

Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

Margaret Wood attended the volunteer recognition dinner at Lakeview, the Making Parity Real event, the Healthiest County 2015 summit, a webinar on criminogenic needs, and the Governor's signing of the county health bill. Sharon Hampson and Jill Billings also attended the Governor's bill signing. They spoke about seeing lobbying efforts make a difference.

Welcome Monica Kruse and Bill Feehan/Introductions

HHS Board members gave self-introductions.

Human Services Director Position

Jerry Huber recently announced his departure for a position in New York. Chair Hampson asked for volunteers to be involved in the interview process for his replacement. Interviews will begin June 28, 2010, with a timetable of having a final decision by July 30, 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Re: Age of Juvenile Court Jurisdiction

The Resolution states that the La Crosse County Board supports changing the age of adult jurisdiction back to 18 years of age based on current research in adolescent development and best practice, and recommends that the state Legislative Fiscal Bureau determine the true costs to counties to implement the change and ways to fund it. The Resolution will be shared with the Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin Human Services Association, and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Discussion was held about judges having discretion to refer 17 year olds to the juvenile section. **MOTION** by Billings/Brockmiller to approve the Resolution Re: Age of Juvenile Court Jurisdiction. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan, Glasser excused.

Family Policy Board Ordinance

Jerry Huber reported that the Human Services Department has coordinated the activities of the Family Policy Board. In 2009, the FPB leaders agreed that the purpose and composition of the FPB should be established through a County ordinance. The Human Services Department, Supervisor Billings, and Corporation Counsel have worked on the ordinance, which will go to the full County Board for one to two readings before a vote. **MOTION** by Wood/Brockmiller to approve the Family Policy Board Ordinance. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan, Glasser excused.

BOARD EDUCATION

Policy, Practice, People of Home Health

Max Cabbage, psychologist and supervisor in Mental Health Recovery Services, introduced Bernadine, a client in MHRS. She spoke about her experience with depression and suicidal thoughts, and the ongoing assistance she receives from the nurses in MHRS. Nurses Laurie Fanello and Penny Anderson spoke about working closely with the St. Clare Health Mission and

County Economic Support to provide services, such as health care and assistance with non-Medicaid psychiatric prescriptions, which has saved the County funds by having fewer psychiatric hospital admissions. They noted that they are seeing more laid off workers and college students.

Day in the Life Opportunities for June 8

A sign-up sheet and list of job shadow opportunities was provided. Six sections of the Health Department and seven sections of the Human Services Department have arranged for a variety of programs and experiences. The full County Board is also being invited to participate. Rep. Shilling has indicated she will attend.

POLICY ISSUES

Recommendations for Wisconsin Counties Association 2011-12 Legislative Platform

The Chair asked for ideas for resolutions to be considered for referral to the WCA Legislative Platform Committee. Supervisor Billings spoke about mandates without funding and either taking away the mandate or providing funds; concerns about ARRA stimulus money that will cease in 2011; and outdated regulations for mental health licensing. Supervisor Wood spoke about counties that are combining health and human services officers, and the need to advocate for every county to maintain its health officer; the issue of calcium chloride in ice milk; increasing health education and pairing with health educators in the community; and impact studies for long-term effects of health legislation. Supervisor Kruse spoke about moving away from the fear of liability issues. Jerry Huber reported on the delay in opening the CARE Center due to having to sequence building inspection items.

2011-2015 Health Department Strategic Plan

Al Graewin provided an update of the Mission, Vision, and Goals for the Health Department. The current plan ends December 31, 2010. The new plan calls for a strong push by 2013 to have national accreditation. Graewin explained that a farm-to-school program would provide more local, fresh fruits and vegetables for school meals. **MOTION** by Kannenberg/Brockmiller to approve the Health Department Strategic Plan. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan, Glasser excused.

Preliminary Results from Federal Child & Family Services Reviews

Jerry Huber reported that La Crosse County was one of four Wisconsin counties that participated in the federal Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR). States are required by the federal government to have a review once every five years to determine compliance with 45 indicators related to child welfare outcomes. Mary Ellen Prinsen and Nancy Pohlman spoke about the review outcomes and recommendations. They reported that all states that were reviewed failed in safety of children. Huber reported that is why they have been focusing on alternative response except in the most egregious cases. The reviewers also emphasized parental involvement, even in Juvenile Justice cases where a parent was incarcerated due to child abuse. The reviewers stated they were impressed with teaming across units, and the proactive, strength-based community.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Health Department Written Director's Report

Human Services Written Director's Report

MOTION by Kruse/Wood to approve the Directors' Reports. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan, Glasser excused.

Chair Hampson noted that Wade Anger's report on residency in Juvenile Justice will be on the next agenda. She will also ask for further information on a half time position being cut in Home Health Nursing, which put referrals on hold.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Brockmiller/Billings to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Health and Human Services Board 4/13/10

Long Term Care Coordinating Committee 3/5/10

Criminal Justice Executive Committee 3/10/10

Dental Care Coalition 3/22/10

Obesity Coalition 4/13/10
Labor/Management 4/27/10

Fiscal

Quarterly Goal Reporting for Health Department
Quarterly Goal Reporting for Human Services
Quarterly Fiscal/Activity Reporting for Health Department
Quarterly Fiscal/Activity Reporting for Human Services

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Juvenile Justice residency survey
Resolutions for WCA
Update on the women's facility
Burn barrels (August agenda)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved, June 8, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder