

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Tuesday, June 8, 2010
Administrative Center – Room 3220
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jill Billings, Bill Brockmiller, Loren Kannenberg, James Glasser, Margaret Wood

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bill Feehan, Sharon Hampson, Monica Kruse, David Trapp

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Jerry Huber, Doug Mormann, Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Sara Koopman, Dean Ruppert, Mary Ellen Prinsen, Jane Klekamp, Pat Killeen, Lorie Graff, Wayde Anger, David Steinberg, Jennifer Miller, Mike Gates, Fran Hegebarth

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Jill Billings called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March County Board Action

Board approved the Family Board ordinance.

Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

Margaret Wood was elected co-president elect of WALHDAB. She spoke about their strategic plan, and the annual conference that will be held May 24-26, 2011, in Appleton. Jim Glasser reported on attending a WAHL DAB educational conference.

Day in the Life Update

Margaret Wood reported that she visited the Aging & Disability Resource Center call center, and the new CARE Center. Bill Brockmiller spoke about visiting the Women's Correctional Facility. Jill Billings visited ASPS and the Women's Correctional Facility.

Public Budget Hearing on Human Services and Health Department 2011 Budget on July 6 at 5:30 p.m. in Room B190 of the Administrative Center (prior to HHS Board)

Jerry Huber stated the public hearing is state mandated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Killeen provided information about an Alzheimer's Association event on June 22, 2010, to create awareness of the disease and to raise money for Alzheimer's research.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Re: Financial Support of Local Public Health by the State of Wisconsin

The Resolution states that the State of Wisconsin mandates county programs for communicable disease prevention and control, which Counties must finance through tax levy. It calls for local Legislators and the Wisconsin Counties Association platform committee to encourage state financing for such county programs. **MOTION** by Kannenberg/Wood to approve the Resolution Re: Financial Support of Local Public Health by the State of Wisconsin.

Motion passed unanimously. Feehan, Hampson, Kruse, Trapp excused.

Resolution Re: Child & Family Services Review Planning and Follow Up

The Resolution states that the Child & Family Services Review (CFSR) monitors compliance with safety and permanency in the child welfare system, and programs are significantly underfunded at state and federal levels. The Resolution calls for the Wisconsin Legislature, Wisconsin Counties Association, and Wisconsin County Human Services Association to commission a legislative study regarding child welfare funding and structure in the state.

MOTION by Brockmiller/Glasser to approve the Resolution Re: Child & Family Services Review Planning and Follow Up. **Motion passed unanimously.** Feehan, Hampson, Kruse, Trapp excused.

BOARD EDUCATION

Policy, Practice, People of Nutrition, Foot Steps to Health

Jennifer Miller, dietician with the Health Department and coordinator of the Foot Steps to Health Program, spoke about encouraging residents to eat healthier by increasing fruit and vegetable consumption. The program includes point of purchase signs at Festival Foods, 500 Club recipes and deli options, recipes in the *La Crosse Tribune*, weekly cooking demonstrations on WXOW, weekly WIZM radio spots, and nutrition kiosks at three Festival Foods stores. Mike

Gates, Festival Foods manager, spoke about customers planning grocery shopping trips during Jennifer's demonstrations, and said the program has made customers more aware and educated. The ARRA grant for obesity prevention allows expansion of the program for two years.

Orientation Manual

Updated HHS Board orientation manuals were distributed to the Board.

POLICY ISSUES

Juvenile Justice Residency Report

Jerry Huber stated the report was given at Criminal Justice Management Committee. Wayne Anger reported concerns on the state level about the number of arrests of children of color. He took a "snapshot" of juvenile justice demographics in October, 2009. It showed that of the 220 active cases, 67% were male and 33% female; ethnicity was 70% white, 19% black, 8% Asian; La Crosse cases were 94% white, 1% black, 3.5% Asian and 1.5% Native American or Hispanic. He said that 29% of youth in the system have lived in La Crosse less than six years. He also looked at a correlation between ethnicity and types of crimes. He spoke about urban flight from Milwaukee, Chicago, and Minneapolis. Jerry Huber reported that the African American population is the fastest growing minority group in La Crosse, and the Office of Justice Assistance recommends a community conversation about addressing resources and building bridges to accept the population. There was further discussion about minority perceptions of Child Protective Services programs, and the need for a community center for African Americans such as the Native American and Hmong populations have created.

Utilization of La Crosse County's Juvenile Detention Facility

David Steinberg reported on the Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) budgetary concerns:

- Impact of lowering the daily bed rate from \$175 to \$135.
He spoke about losing referrals from Sauk, Grant, Columbia and Richland Counties to the Dane County JDF which has a lower rate. He stated that by volume they would earn more by lowering the La Crosse County rate and getting those referrals back.
- Comparison of JDF operating costs to contracting bed space with the Eau Claire JDF.
His study showed that in 2008 and 2009, the JDF expenses exceeded the budget, and that transporting to Eau Claire would be less expensive.
- Impact of State and federal initiatives (if passed) on revenues, and the effect of closures of other JDF's.

Closure of Lincoln Hills or Ethan Allen would mean that JDF's could provide alternatives to state placements. He estimated numbers could increase 35%-40% if legislation is enacted to keep 17 year olds in the juvenile system. Since 17 year olds could not be housed with inmates 18 years old or older, the referrals could increase from surrounding counties that cannot accommodate separate facilities.

Further discussion was held regarding the 10-15 year old population that is showing a trend toward more violent, egregious crimes. **MOTION** by Kannenberg/Glasser to authorize David Steinberg to contact other counties regarding utilizing La Crosse County's Juvenile Detention Facility as a preferred provider at a rate of \$135 per day. **Motion passed unanimously.** Feehan, Hampson, Kruse, Trapp excused.

County Indigent Burial Program

Lorie Graff reported that \$25,000.00 was budgeted in 2010 for County indigent burials, and as of May, 2010, \$22,259.68 has been expended. Fourteen individuals received assistance. The current trend, if it continues, could result in an additional 19 individuals needing service, with a total of \$54,000.00 in expenditures in 2010. She stated that there are separate policies for funeral costs and cemetery costs. Committee consensus was to direct Graff to research policies in other counties, including cremation, and report back to the committee.

Utilizing Limited Term Employees to Reduce the Use of MEMS Units

Jane Klekamp provided a follow-up report on the pilot project approved by the HHS Board in April, 2010, to increase staff in lieu of utilizing alcohol testing equipment. She provided a cost/benefit analysis that showed that an average of 123 MEMS units were used from January-March, 2010, at a cost of \$5.75 per day per client, for a total of \$21,217.50, while staffing at \$14.74/hour x 3 hours x 2 positions x 27 days cost \$2,387.88. She requested an extension of two LTE positions through September, 2010, for further review. **MOTION** by Wood/Glasser to

approve extending two LTE positions through September, 2010, for weekend and holiday alcohol testing. **Motion passed unanimously.** Feehan, Hampson, Kruse, Trapp excused.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Health Department Written Director's Report

Human Services Written Director's Report

MOTION by Wood/Kannenbergh to approve the Directors' Reports. **Motion passed unanimously.** Feehan, Hampson, Kruse, Trapp excused. Doug Mormann provided further information about organization newsletters and programs. Discussion was held about budgetary concerns and ideas to reduce expenses.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously. Feehan, Hampson, Kruse, Trapp excused.

Minutes

Health and Human Services Board 5/11/10

Criminal Justice Executive Committee 4/14/10

Criminal Justice Management Council 4/21/10

Family Policy Board 4/22/10

Comprehensive Community Services Coordinating Committee 5/7/10

Obesity Coalition 5/11/10

Mental Health Advisory Committee 4/16/10

Labor/Management 5/25/10

Fiscal

Human Services Quarterly Report on Budget Benchmarks

Department Reports

Health Department 2009 Annual Report

Human Services 2009 Annual Report/Executive Summary

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Report on Women's Correctional Facility

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Brockmiller/Wood to adjourn to the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 6, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.** Feehan, Hampson, Kruse, Trapp excused. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved, July 6, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder