

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Tuesday, August 10, 2010
Administrative Center – Room 3220
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Hampson, Bill Feehan, James Glasser, Loren Kannenberg, Monica Kruse, David Trapp, Margaret Wood (6:50 p.m.)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jill Billings, Bill Brockmiller

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Doug Mormann, Dean Ruppert, Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Sara Koopman, Peg Pieper, Deborah Kelly, Jane Klekamp, David Steinberg, Fran Hegenbarth, Al Graewin, Paula Silha, Ron Berg, Mary Ellen Prinsen

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July County Board Action

None reported.

Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

Sharon Hampson attended the NALBOH annual conference in Omaha; themes were accreditation of health departments and policy-driven boards.

Margaret Wood reported that a webinar on protecting groundwater will be held on Monday, August 30, 2010, from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deborah Kelly, who resides in the Golden Valley Mobile Home Park, spoke about an on-going safety issue with willow trees that split and break off in storms. The park owners have been cited by the Town of Greenfield. She also spoke about seeking financial assistance from La Crosse County Economic Support and CouleeCap to be able to heat her home in winter. Chair Hampson stated the HHS Board would not have jurisdiction over the tree cutting matter, but the Health Department would follow up on both issues to see what could be done.

BOARD EDUCATION

Policy, Practice, People of Environmental Health – On Site Waste

Ron Berg introduced Peg Pieper, a certified soil tester, who spoke about her work inspecting sites for the type and location of septic systems. She stated that she checks different layers of soil to review the structure of the soil and to identify problems such as bedrock, water, or heavy clay where water could pool. She determines the type of system that should be used, and recommends siting. Ron Berg spoke about the progressive enforcement system that gives property owners ample time to comply with pumping regulations before fines are imposed.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Re: Agreement with the National Association of Counties (NACo) Dental Discount Card Program

The Resolution authorizes an agreement with the National Association of Counties (NACo) to issue dental discount cards to help uninsured and underinsured county residents to save on dental services. Charity Kocimski, RN, reported that La Crosse County is one of 38 counties nationwide to participate in the pilot project. La Crosse County has three dentists in the network, and the company will work on recruiting others. There are no income restrictions for cardholders. Application forms are available on-line or via an 800 phone number. Patients pay upfront, and may then submit the discounted bill to insurance or another program. Discussion followed regarding the reliability of the company that is coordinating the discount network; Chair Hampson stated it has been vetted by NACo. Discussion was also held regarding the potential for backlog with the local dental practices that are currently participating in the program. **MOTION** by Trapp/Kruse to approve the Resolution Re: Agreement with the National Association of Counties (NACo) Dental Discount Card Program. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Brockmiller excused.

Resolution Re: Staff Addition to Chemical Health and Justice Sanctions

The Resolution is in follow-up to an analysis of costs savings derived from utilizing limited term employees for 37.5 hours per week to conduct alcohol monitoring in lieu of utilizing the MEMS testing equipment. The analysis showed a net savings, after annual increase in salary and fringe expenses for part-time staff, of \$116,631.00. The Resolution would authorize two regular part time positions to equal 15 hours per week, and increasing an existing position from 30 hours to 37.5 hours. Jane Klekamp and Dean Ruppert responded to questions about the current MEMS unit rental agreement; Ruppert stated the agreement only sets the rental rate, but does not specify the number of units. **MOTION** by Kannenberg/Glasser to approve the Resolution Re: Staff Addition to Chemical Health and Justice Sanctions. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Brockmiller excused.

Clean Air Ordinance/State Smokefree Workplace Law

Adoption of the County Smoke Free Air Act would bring the County ordinances into compliance with state law and eliminate language that is outdated. Al Graewin and Paula Silha spoke about the Wisconsin Statewide Smoke-Free Air Law, and in particular the definition of "place of employment" in the Act. Lengthy discussion followed regarding enforcement of the ordinance. Supervisor Feehan expressed concern about Health Department officials acting as enforcement officers in situations where law enforcement would be better equipped to handle the situation. Graewin noted that health officials would be enforcers only in unincorporated municipalities. Doug Mormann stated that Health Department employees would follow up with business owners after a complaint, but it would be rare for them to be called to a scene at the time of the complaint. **MOTION** by Wood/Glasser to approve the La Crosse County Clean Air Ordinance change. **Motion carried 6-1.** Feehan opposed; Billings, Brockmiller excused.

Resolution Re: Funding Changes for Wisconsin Juvenile Correction Institutes

The Resolution lists proposed funding changes for Wisconsin JCI's, including Lincoln Hills, Ethan Allen, and Southern Oaks, that would decrease JCI costs to counties. Chair Hampson reported that the WCA steering committee on which she is seated recommended closure of Ethan Allen. **MOTION** by Kruse/Wood to approve the Resolution Re: Funding Changes for Wisconsin Juvenile Correction Institutes. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Brockmiller excused.

BOARD EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

HS Director Process Update

Steve O'Malley reported that interviews of two candidates will be conducted on August 23, 2010. A third candidate declined to interview. O'Malley reviewed the make-up of the interviewing panels.

Schedule HHS Board Retreat in November

Committee consensus was to hold the HHS Board Retreat on Thursday, November 11, 2010, in the evening. Cedar Creek will be considered for the location.

Open Trash Burning Prevention Education

Al Graewin provided an update on a proposed public education program on the health implications of open air burning. Staff conducted a survey of taxing districts in La Crosse County to clarify regulations and enforcement. The survey revealed that three jurisdictions do not have existing language related to open burning; the 15 jurisdictions that do have an ordinance specify that only clean wood may be burned. Overall, few citations have been issued; however, there are few resources to educate or enforce. A proposed budget of \$15,000 for an educational campaign was presented. Graewin reported that Hank Koch, director of the Solid Waste Department, offered to use funds from that department's education budget. Discussion followed regarding methods to be used to measure the success of education outreach to justify the expense. Suggestions were made regarding media tools that could be used instead, such as letters to the editor, opinion-editorial pieces, and public service announcements. Staff will explore options.

POLICY ISSUES

Update on Progress to Date on Juvenile Detention Initiatives

David Steinberg reported on his communication with counties that discontinued using the La Crosse County juvenile detention facility in favor of Dane County. His survey revealed that even if La Crosse County lowered its rate, most of those counties would continue to use Dane

County because of its proximity. Steinberg and Wayde Anger are reviewing Chapter 938 and looking at programming to work toward becoming a regional, longer term facility. Steinberg reported that two juvenile administrators from the Department of Corrections will visit La Crosse County on September 21, 2010, and he is preparing questions on regionalization. He stated that programs that are combined with a jail do not have programming space, so La Crosse County is one of a few counties in a position to provide a regional program.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Health Department Written Director's Report

Human Services Written Director's Report

MOTION by Wood/Kruse to approve the Directors' Reports. **Motion passed unanimously.** Billings, Brockmiller excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion passed unanimously. Billings, Brockmiller excused.

Minutes

Health and Human Services Board & Budget Hearing 7/6/10

Labor/Management 7/27/10

Criminal Justice Management Council 6/16/10

Criminal Justice Executive Committee 6/9/10

Family Policy Board 6/17/10

Obesity Coalition 7/13/10

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

Visioning process for HHS Board Retreat

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kannenberg/Trapp to adjourn to the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Approved, September 7, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder