

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

6:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Doug Mormann, Steve O'Malley, Dean Ruppert, Margaret Norden, Ron Berg, Sara Koopman, Lorie Graff, Nancy Pohlman, Fran Hegenbarth, Linda Lee, Matt Strittmater, Tom Miller, Joanne Foellmi, Vicki and Gary Thornton, Marilyn Hempstead

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sharon Hampson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December County Board Action

No HHS action taken.

Board Members Report on Conferences/Meetings/Workshops

- Jill Billings reported on WCA Ambassador Program. She and Sharon Hampson are ambassadors, and they asked to be informed about any issues to be addressed.
- Margaret Wood reported on a Community Health Improvement Plan grant to WALHDAB, and also asked to save the date of the WALHDAB/WPHA "Day at the Capital" on February 23, 2011.

Board Performance Evaluation - Summary

The evaluation summary showed high scores across the board. Chair Hampson stated that no response was ranked below three on a four-point scale. There was discussion about what improvements could be made.

2011 Work Plan - Final

The final work plan lists agenda topics, board education, and recognitions/announcements.

Mary Ellen Prinsen Retirement

Mary Ellen Prinsen's retirement party will be January 28, 2011, beginning at 5:00 at the La Crosse Club.

Complete Street

Doug Mormann invited citizen members of the HHS Board to attend the February 21, 2011, County Board Policy Planning Meeting. Complete Streets will be presented for a discussion on the positive health impacts, and also the impacts on County road construction.

NOTE: Chair Hampson took the agenda item regarding the next meeting date out of order, and noted that due to the conflict with the WCA conference, the HHS board meeting would need to be rescheduled. Committee consensus was to hold the meeting a week earlier, on February 1, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDINANCES

County Recognition of Public Health Staff in February

The Proclamation recognizes La Crosse County Health Department employees and proclaims February as Public Health Month. Linda Lee spoke about Badger Care outreach and Lindsay Schwartz's state recognition.

Environmental Health Ordinance Updates

Ordinance # 9 amends Chapter 11, Public Health & Human Services, to conform the County Code to changes in the state Administrative Code. Ron Berg reported on frequency of inspections and the increased demands on inspectors due to more complexity in the state and federal codes. He reported on facilities that are higher risk and need to be monitored more closely than those with simple licenses that require less attention. **MOTION** by Glasser/Kruse to approve the ordinance changes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution Re: Increasing Hours of Nutrition Educator

The Resolution will increase the Nutrition Educator hours from .93 to 1.0 Full Time Equivalents for the length of the WIC contract, which allocates \$32,165 for additional nutrition services as directed by the state. **MOTION** by Billings/Brockmiller to amend the fiscal note to insert "(federal funds through USDA)" after "The WIC contract." **Motion carried unanimously.** **MOTION** by Wood/Kruse to approve the Resolution Re: Increasing Hours of Nutrition Educator, as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.**

BOARD EDUCATION

Policy, Practice, People of Public Health Nursing – Well Women

Joanne Foellmi presented the Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP), which uses federal funds to assist income-qualified women with accessing prevention and treatment for breast or cervical cancer. WWWP receives both doctor referrals and self-referrals. She introduced Vicki Thornton, who spoke about having no insurance when she received a breast cancer diagnosis, and how the program provided prompt assistance for the surgery and post-surgery treatment that saved her life. She is now facing a hysterectomy, and will continue to use the program. Discussion was held regarding the importance of physician and public awareness of program availability.

Disproportionate Minority Contact Action Network

Jason Witt reported on Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) in the juvenile justice system. He provided information on the Action Network. It works in jurisdictions that have showed some progress to create a replicable model. He reported on having worked with the Action Network in his previous position and the core principles in its process and strategies. It is locally-driven and reflects local values. Key strategies include a continuum of services, objective decision-making tools, and evidence-based practices. He reported on La Crosse County's follow-up to recommendations from the 2008 Carey Report to seek assistance, create an inter-agency task force, and use evidence-based practices when developing policies. Discussion was held regarding the high juvenile arrest record in La Crosse County, disproportionate minority arrests, zero tolerance policies in the school system, and creating an inter-agency task force. Chair Hampson asked Witt to prepare an outline of a plan about how to address the issues.

POLICY

County Indigent Mortuary Services Program

Lorie Graff and Tom Miller provided an update on the Indigent Burial Program which is a non-mandated program that many counties do not offer. For 2010, total expenditures were \$49,389, approximately double the budgeted amount of \$25,000. Staff recommends changes to the program including an income limit at or below the federal poverty level, a payment cap of \$800 for burial, and selection of a single provider. A Preferred Provider Solicitation Package was issued, and the sole response was submitted by Coulee Region Cremation Group. Their cost exceeds the \$800 cap, but they expressed willingness to waive the difference when the family could not afford to pay the balance. The itemized costs are \$995, which include \$100 for the Medical Examiner's Cremation Permit fee (which has been raised to \$125 for 2011). The provider requests that this fee be reduced to \$75 for this contract only. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the Medical Examiner's fee and options for reducing the amount including waiving the fee entirely. **MOTION** by Billings/Feehan to approve the proposal as stated, and to reduce the Medical Examiner's cremation permit fee to \$75 as a part of this contract, as requested by Coulee Region Cremation Group, subject to approval by the Corporation Counsel. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Out of Home Placements

Jason Witt reviewed out-of-home placement census and costs. Juvenile cases in residential care have risen. In 2010, budget projections are to overspend by \$200,000, and in 2011, to overspend by \$300,000. Potential improvements are to add an ongoing progress review, include clinical consultation, consistently review non-county waiver dollars to save county tax levy, and have open access to the review team for at-risk cases. Nancy Pohlman reported on the review process timeline. She gave examples of complex cases, including disrupted adoptions where there are significant mental health and attachment issues, and cases of intra-familial sexual abuse. Other barriers include transient families with no immediate family to

provide support or in-home care, and the length of time the legal process takes to determine a placement.

Update on Mobile Crisis, Chapter 51, CARE Center

Matt Strittmatter gave an update on the new CARE Center. He reviewed the desired outcomes in establishing the CARE Center, and gave demographics on admissions that showed the target population is being reached. The study looked at readmission rates, which have been reduced at both La Crosse medical care facilities. Chapter 51 detentions have been reduced 12%. Detox expenses per month have dropped almost in half. The CARE Center faces a budget shortfall of \$126,991. Community funding has only been \$10,000, and there is no insurance company that has been interested in purchasing the service. He listed options going forward, including regionalization, grant funds, and re-approaching the hospitals and their foundations.

NOTE: The following agenda item was referred to the February meeting:

HS Budget Drivers/Benchmarks for 2011

Family Policy Board Executive Committee

Supervisor Billings reported on the La Crosse Area Family Policy Board. The Board is comprised of representatives of agencies that are involved in services to families and children. There have been as many as 40 different local agencies involved. The report listed proposed Executive Committee Members. **MOTION** by Wood/Kruse to approve appointments listed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Health Department Written Director's Report

Human Services Written Director's Report

MOTION by Brockmiller/Wood to receive and file the Directors' Reports. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Doug Mormann asked for feedback on Health Department goals, and pointed out the Home Health Care budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

- Health and Human Services Board 12/7/10
- Comprehensive Community Services Coordinating Committee 11/5/10
- Comprehensive Community Services Coordinating Committee 12/3/10
- Criminal Justice Executive Committee 11/10/10
- Criminal Justice Management Council 11/17/10
- Family Policy Board 11/18/10
- Coulee Region Childhood Obesity Coalition 12/14/10
- Aging & Disability Resource Center of Western WI Advisory 12/14/10
- Labor/Management 12/28/10

Fiscal

- Vendor Audit Compliance Report

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None requested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Hampson declared the meeting adjourned to the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2011. The meeting adjourned at 10: 05 p.m.

Approved, February 1, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder